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F-15 sale to Saudis considered

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

No sooner had Israel settled a longstanding dispute with Washington over loan guarantees than another irritant in U.S.-Israeli relations emerged last week.

Administration officials said Wednesday that President George Bush is "seriously considering" a $5 billion sale of advanced F-15 fighter planes to Saudi Arabia.

The sale has been under consideration by the administration for several months, but until last week, the word was that the White House would not push for it right away, possibly not till after the November elections.

The sudden resurrection of the issue this week raised speculation that the Saudi sale had become a quid pro quo exacted by the administration in exchange for agreeing to provide Israel with guarantees for up to $10 billion in loans for immigrant absorption.

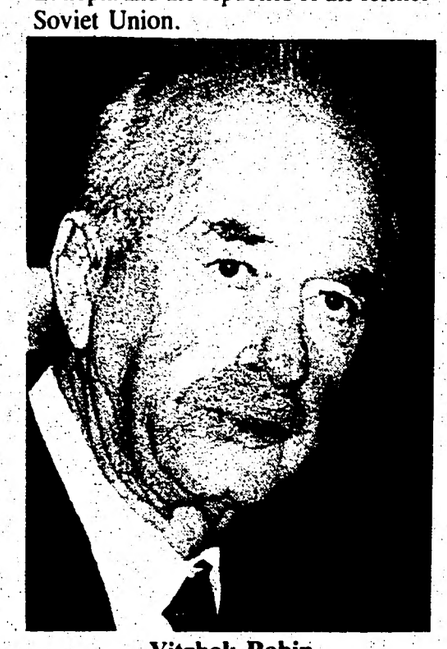
U.S.-Israel tensions ease

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

U.S. President George Bush's warm welcome to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week and his agreement to provide the Jewish state with long-awaited loan guarantees appears to have put the strained relations between the two countries back on track.

Observers say Bush's strong expression of support for Israel's new government may not win the president any more Jewish votes in November than the 30 percent he garnered in 1988 but it goes far to reassure American Jews concerned with Israel's security and strategic value in the aftermath of the Cold War. And it means the ill will that was generated by Bush's previously hard-line stance on the loan guarantees will diminish.

Bush, who scolded American Jewish leaders last September for campaigning hard for the loan guarantees, announced that he is now prepared to "recommend enthusiastically" that Congress grant Israel guarantees for up to $10 billion in loans, which would be used to help absorb immigrants from Ethiopia and the republics of the former Soviet Union.



Yitzhak Rabin

Congress, which spent much of the early spring battling the administration on the issue, is now expected to adopt legislation authorizing the guarantees in September.

American Jewish leaders are clearly relieved that the long battle over the guarantees is mostly over.

But the "most important factor" coming out of the day and a half of talks at Bush's vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine, was "the president's clear and unequivocal reaffirmation of the special relationship between the United States and Israel," said Shoshana Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Bush said after the summit that Rabin had persuaded him that Israel's new government is committed to the success of the peace talks, and he called on the Arab states to respond in kind.

He also said the United States has a "solid commitment to Israel's security and its qualitative military edge," a policy that will continue despite the end of the Cold War.

"Israel is a democracy surrounded by countries that are not, and they have been loyal and staunch friends," Bush said. "It is in the security interest of the United States to retain the kind of relationship we have militarily and otherwise with Israel."

Republican Jewish leaders, who have had an uphill fight trying to convince Jews to support Bush at the polls in November, were clearly thrilled with the president's remarks.

The talks at Bush's seaside retreat were characterized by a warmth that marked a sharp departure from the chill that pervaded Bush's relationship with Rabin's hard-line predecessor, Yitzhak Shamir of the Likud bloc.

Bush himself noted the tone of the summit, calling it "a consultation between close friends and strategic partners," and one filled with "trust and a commitment to meeting common challenges. It is strategic co-operation at its very best."

Much of the strain in the U.S.-Israeli relationship was exacerbated by Shamir's resistance to territorial compromise with the Arabs and his unwillingness to freeze Jewish settlements in the territories, which Bush imposed as a condition for receiving the loan guarantees.

Rabin has already demonstrated he is far more flexible, affirming a commitment to the Middle East peace process and an early autonomy arrangement for the Palestinians. He also has called for a halt in "political" settlements, though reserving the right to build what he calls "security" settlements.

He also pledged to institute economic reforms and "a change in national priorities to this direction."

These changes are what has paved the way for the loan guarantees package.

Noting Rabin's commitment to economic reform, Bush pledged swift action with the congressional leadership to authorize the loan guarantees.

A loan deal is expected to be incorporated in the Senate foreign aid appropriations bill next month. A House and Senate conference committee will then work out a joint plan to be voted upon by the full Congress.

Congressional insiders say there will be important and contentious details to iron out before a package is approved, such as what settlements will continue to be built and how they will be funded, and exactly what Israel will do to reform its economy.

"It is likely to work out, but (legislators) remain concerned that the money not fund things inconsistent with our policy," said one Capitol Hill source. "But there is more hope with Rabin," he added.

The loan package enjoys strong support on Capitol Hill.

One pro-Israel congressman urged caution against any post-summit euphoria.

George Bush

"It represents a warming, there's no doubt about it," said Rep. Larry Smith (D-Fla.), one of the most vocal critics of the Bush administration's Middle East policy.

"But we have to watch what happens next," he said, referring to the next round of peace talks, scheduled to begin here Aug. 24.

Guarantees bring mixed reaction

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat sighed with relief last week when U.S. President George Bush came out in support of the long-awaited loan guarantees. But in other quarters, the reaction was more mixed.

Some economists expressed concern that the funds would actually hurt the economy; the Palestinians could not decide whether the deal was good for the Arabs; and the opposition Likud charged that unnecessary concessions were made in exchange for the guarantees.

Economic skeptics such as David Boaz, former head of the budget division at the Treasury, said guarantees were important only in the context of a projected one million immigrants over the next five years.

But with the sharp decline in aliyah, they argue, the money may end up being spent on consumption rather than infrastructure, refueling the inflation that has been relatively dormant in the past few years and creating an unbearable deficit once the loans are paid back.

But Shohat displayed obvious relief. "The loan guarantees are an umbrella if we run low on foreign currency reserves; they will help us mobilize money at low interest; and they will help develop the economic infrastructure, thereby creating new job opportunities," he said.

Shohat pledged that the money would not be used to cover running deficits.

The government has yet to decide whether it will use the loans to invest directly in the infrastructure or sell the dollars to private business, thus encouraging the private sector to push the economy into growth.

Palestinians react cautiously

Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, expressed the hope that the loan guarantees would boost aliyah.

He said the priority given by the new government to the creation of job opportunities might bring about renewed waves of immigration from the former Soviet Union as Jews there wait to see whether Israel can offer them a chance to work.

"The opportunity to bring over millions of Jews from the Commonwealth of Independent States has not yet been missed," said Dinitz, who blamed absorption difficulties and unemployment for the continued slowdown in immigration.

Prospects of renewed economic growth, large-scale infrastructure projects and job opportunities might bring about an acceleration of immigration, said Dinitz. To prepare for such an eventuality, Israel should have ready a national master plan for employment and housing.

Typical of the changing political climate, the Palestinians reacted cautiously to the loan guarantees decision. The local leadership waited for the official reaction of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which was, as expected, negative.

The PLO blamed the United States for strengthening Israel militarily, thus jeopardizing the peace process.

The Jewish settlers in the territories, in an angry statement, said Rabin had sold the American Jewish vote cheaply. They charged that he intended to waste the loans to save the "ailing Histadrut sick fund."

The sick fund, known as Kupat Holim, is now undergoing a serious financial crisis, and the government has so far refused to extend aid beyond the $53 million already promised.

The Likud charged Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with making unnecessary concessions to get the loan guarantees.

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DO YOU KNOW THE CLASS OF '32?

The alumni association of Associated Hebrew Schools will be establishing a museum to house school memorabilia in the new Thornhill campus. This will allow alumni to look at many items that go back to 1907, when the school was started on Simcoe Street. Recently, while going through hundreds of items, the alumni came across a photograph of the 1932 graduating class. An alumna looking at the photo was stunned to see that her father was in that class. If you recognize anyone from this 1932 graduating class, call Arthur Tannenbaum at 789-7471.

Network training seminar has impact on students

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"I knew it would have an impact, but I didn't expect to be so moved and so concerned about the issues," says 22-year-old University of Toronto student Lisa Goodman of the recent Network Leadership Training Seminar (LTS) she attended in Israel.

Geared to Jewish student campus leaders, the three-week intensive program run by Network Canada, the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students, addressed issues such as assimilation, interdating, underfunding, anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial. Ten Canadian students, representing seven universities in three provinces, took part in the program.

"Wherever we went, we learned something," Goodman told *The CJN* when she was interviewed along with fellow participants Cindy Hartman of the University of Western Ontario and Sandra Aaron, who is entering third year at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. Hartman is incoming chairman of Coalition of Western Jewish Students, the political faction of the university's Jewish Student Union. Aaron is incoming president of the Jewish Students' Council at Ryerson

The program in Israel included a variety of speakers and extensive touring, including places such as Lochamei HaGetaot, a Holocaust museum on a northern kibbutz, which is overlooked by many tourists. "Not to downplay Yad Vashem," said Hartman, but all three found Lochamei HaGetaot profoundly moving, disturbing, and important. "It's not like I'm not knowledgeable," says Hartman, but six weeks after returning to Toronto, she was still "blown away" by what she had learned at the museum. This included watching documentary footage of concentration camp liberation produced by Alfred Hitchcock and seeing graphic children's artwork depicting Nazi brutality. The documentary showed "just the facts," said Aaron, which made it significant.

Study sessions organized

Study sessions on media analysis and media relations also made an impact on Aaron. "We learned a lot about being creative," she said of the session led by Dan Marans, a former Western student who is "brilliant" when it comes to getting front-page coverage.

The trip, Hartman's fourth visit to Israel, "re-energized" her. "Just being in Israel and feeling so proud, and rejuvenating that pride" was, to her, one of the most valuable aspects of the trip, one that she will carry with her back to Western University this fall, where she will be heading their Jewish student group.

As a "veteran" traveller to Israel, Hartman took pleasure in seeing the reaction of first-timers like Goodman. "I wanted very much for them to get turned on. I was hoping that this would get other kids going and passionate [about Israel], because we're the future.

"What Network wanted us to do was to bring back our skills, our passion and love for Israel, and share them," Hartman explained.

One of the ways the students plan to share their experience is with a Jerusalem awareness campaign in honor of the 25th anniversary of the city's reunification. They plan a travelling program to enhance cooperation and consistency from school to school as well as to maximize their use of resources.

Goodman will also put her experiences to use in her part-time job teaching religious school at Temple Har Zion. "I feel so much more prepared now to teach my kids," she says.

Network Leadership Training Seminar students began their three week program with a tour of Jerusalem. They are shown with tour guide Nachum Hershel.

Are these youngsters eager to head back to class? Check out *The CJN's* Back to School supplement starting on page 27.

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BB to help gather clothing for victims of war in Bosnia

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Toronto office of B'nai Brith Canada is joining in a campaign to gather winter clothing for victims of the civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

B'nai Brith is using its national headquarters at 15 Hove Street as a depot for the accumulation of apparel, which will be sent to Bosnia through Global Ed-Med Supplies (GEMS), a Canadian relief organization, said Paul Marcus, national director of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs.

"We are calling upon the Jewish community to donate winter clothing — blankets, coats, boots, sweaters, hats, gloves and socks — to clothe the victims of the Yugoslavian conflict during what we expect will be a difficult winter," said Michael Kates, chairman of B'nai Brith's community volunteer committee.

"The reports of concentration camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the sight of emaciated bodies behind barbed wire demand a humanitarian response by Canadian Jewry," said Monty Mazin, chairman of GEMS and a longtime B'nai Brith leader.

While the clothing drive is limited so far to B'nai Brith's Toronto office, other cities may be involved, depending on the response in Toronto, Marcus said. Meanwhile, contributors in other cities can ship material to the Hove Street location; any cash donations will be passed on to B'nai Brith's U.S. counterpart, Marcus added. Funds raised by the U.S. B'nai Brith organization will go to ease the plight of civilians caught up in the bloody ethnic fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Doreen Wicks, executive-director of GEMS, said the organization is hoping that the Canadian Armed Forces will provide aircraft to ship the clothing. GEMS' goal is to gather 46,000 kilos of clothing for transport.

In addition to the clothing depot set up by B'nai Brith, GEMS is being assisted by Canadian Bosnian groups and it has set up two depots in Metropolitan Toronto as well, Wicks added.

Meanwhile, about a dozen Jewish communal professionals met last week to discuss what steps they could take "in response to the atrocities," said Avrum Rosensweig, campaign associate with the United Jewish Appeal in Toronto.

Rosensweig said the professionals, who gathered on short notice and were representing themselves individually, got together because "we feel we should speak louder than we have."

He said the communal professionals can show leadership in responding to the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where news reports of "ethnic cleansing" and "concentration camps" have "got a lot of blood boiling."

The group, which will likely expand its numbers, is still considering various steps it could take to respond to the situation, Rosensweig added.

In other developments, Tayib Pasanbegovic, a consultant and coordinator with the Bosnian Canadian Community Association, told *The CJN* he expects the Jewish community will sympathize with the plight of his countrymen in Bosnia, since "you know what it's like to be the victim of extermination."

Polish-Jewish meeting 'positive'

By RON CSILLAG

EDMONTON —

Reverberations are still being felt from a recent meeting between members of this city's Jewish community and the acting consul general of Poland.

The meeting, organized by the Auschwitz Awareness Society, brought together 32 members of the community for a get-to-know-you session with Krzysztof Kasprzyk, whose consulate relocated from Los Angeles to Vancouver last spring.

The 90-minute session was "very positive," society vice-president Sigmund Sobolewski, a Catholic survivor of Auschwitz, told *The CJN* last week. A number of issues were discussed, including Poland's long and disturbing history of anti-Semitism, Sobolewski said.

But the following day's headline and story in *The Edmonton Journal* later spilled over into a rancorous debate between Poles and Jews on the role Polish collaborators played during the Holocaust.

The headline, "Jews chastise Polish consul on his country's anti-Semitism," flagged a story that said the Jews had "blasted" Kasprzyk for "his country's anti-Semitism and its indifference to commemorating the Holocaust."

The story went on to say that Kasprzyk sat "tight-lipped" for most of the meeting and that his patience "snapped" when he said that he had been at Auschwitz much more than anyone else at the meeting — as a tour guide — and that "[the camp] makes me sick."

According to the story, Kasprzyk said he was only too aware of his country's "abominable" treatment of Jews and of its "equally shabby treatment of their grief."

The article said that during World War II, "the Nazis and their Polish collaborators murdered almost all the Jews" in Poland.

Sobolewski said Kasprzyk was "upset" with the headline and story, which he said did not accurately reflect the tone of the meeting.

The story prompted several letters to the editor, mostly from Poles, defending their countrymen during World War II.

One letter said Kasprzyk did not deserve the "rough treatment" he'd received at the meeting.

Others took issue with the statement that the Nazis, together with Polish collaborators, had murdered Poland's roughly three-million Jews. Letter-writers spoke of the Poles who had helped Jews during the Holocaust.

Sobolewski said he's still being "bombarded" with calls from Poles, accusing him of being in collusion with the *Journal*.

"They said we set [Kasprzyk] up. This was not a set-up. It was a good way to let the consul know what the average member of the Jewish community thinks. And he didn't realize how strong the feelings of some Alberta Jews are."

Sobolewski said the meeting had been cordial and raised the following issues:

That Poland should press the Vatican to recognize Israel; that Warsaw should begin a media campaign promoting tolerance of minorities and Jews; that Polish schools should teach what Jewish culture had been prior to the Holocaust; and that Poland should keep up the maintenance of the sites of former death camps.

The major issue raised was over a memorial plaque, funded by Alberta Jews, commemorating the October, 1944 uprising by Jewish inmates at Auschwitz. The plaque was delivered to the Auschwitz Museum in 1990 but later removed and is now in storage.

Sobolewski said Kasprzyk promised to look into all the concerns expressed.

Sidney Indig, executive director of the Edmonton Jewish Federation, declined to comment on the meeting.

He said the Auschwitz Awareness Society "has no standing" in the city's Jewish community.

Indig said the federation enjoys "very good" relations with Kasprzyk and it has even invited the consul to take part in next's spring's Yom Ha'Shoah commemoration, which will mark the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Luitjens deportation hearing on hold

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

The deportation to Holland of former University of British Columbia professor Jacob Luitjens because of Nazi war crimes has been stalled again.

An immigration adjudicator decided Aug. 4 that Luitjens will get a "full" deportation hearing — that is both sides will be able to present their case.

It's been known that Luitjens lied when he emigrated to Canada and obtained Canadian citizenship without revealing his Nazi past, an immigration inquiry was told in July. A federal justice department lawyer, George Carruthers, representing the immigration department, told the inquiry in July that Luitjens had no legal right to argue the facts found by Federal Court Judge Frank Collier that Luitjens had concealed his Nazi past in his native Netherlands.

Carruthers made the statement in his opening argument at the inquiry to determine whether the retired UBC professor should be deported. The inquiry was necessary because after the judge's ruling, Luitjens was stripped of his Canadian citizenship by order-in-council.

"No fresh evidence may be introduced on this inquiry that would tend to contradict Judge Collier's fundamental or essential findings," Carruthers said.

The July inquiry was adjourned and when it reopened in August, the immigration adjudicator decided that "both sides" should be heard from, and not only the immigration department. The current inquiry was again adjourned and was expected to reopen later in the week, with a decision to be made in the near future.

The Netherlands has asked for Luitjens' extradition because he was convicted in absentia in 1948 of "deliberately aiding and abetting the enemy in time of war." He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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Selma Plaut: 102 years and still going strong

By FRANCES KRAFT

Selma Plaut

TORONTO —

"Je suis très, très vieille (I am very, very old)," Selma Plaut, 102, told me when I visited her recently at the Baycrest Centre.

We began our conversation in English and switched to French when I wondered aloud how much opportunity she has these days to speak the language. Plaut, born Selma Gumprich in Munster, Germany, was sent to study at L'Académie Française in Nancy at the age of 18.

More recently, she took undergraduate courses in French and history at the University of Toronto, where she was the oldest student to receive an honorary degree at age 100.

"My parents believed that children should get the best possible education," says Plaut, "so my mother saw to it that I went to France to study." Plaut's voice becomes animated as she recalls the *demoiselles* with whom she shared dormitory space so many years ago.

Have young people changed much in the past eight decades? "I feel they are completely different," says Plaut, "but we have to try to understand them."

It is this attitude that endeared her to many of her fellow students at the University of Toronto. When she broke her leg and was hospitalized shortly after her 100th birthday, 20-year-old classmates visited her in the hospital, her son, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, told *The CJN*.

"She's a wonderful person," says family friend Sim Olsberg, who is in his 20s. "She's so vibrant and with-it. She's always thinking and always wanting to do things."

Within her family she took on the role of "mater familias," says Rabbi Plaut. "She travelled all over the world to visit family and spend time with them. She went to bar mitzvahs and weddings in South Africa, Israel, the United States and Canada." To this day she corresponds with relatives and keeps in touch with her sister, age 94, by phone, says the rabbi.

When she turned 100, 70 people from out of town travelled to Toronto to celebrate with her.

She attributes her longevity to her longtime habits of going to bed early and rising early. "Nowadays many young people have a very, very long evening. Their evening often starts at 10 or 11 o'clock. [The next day] they are not refreshed enough to accept new [ideas]. If you have a restful evening and a restful night, it's easier to see life in a different way. You are able to express yourself better and you are able to cope better."

Plaut herself has had much to cope with: the loss of two brothers in World War I and two more brothers in the Holocaust, the death of her husband Jonas in 1948 and of their son Walter, a rabbi in the United States in 1964.

There is also reason to be grateful. Plaut and her husband escaped Germany in 1939. They ran a youth hostel for refugee boys in Brighton, England during the war, after which they emigrated to the United States to join their children. Plaut now has five grandchildren (including two rabbis) and four great-grandchildren.

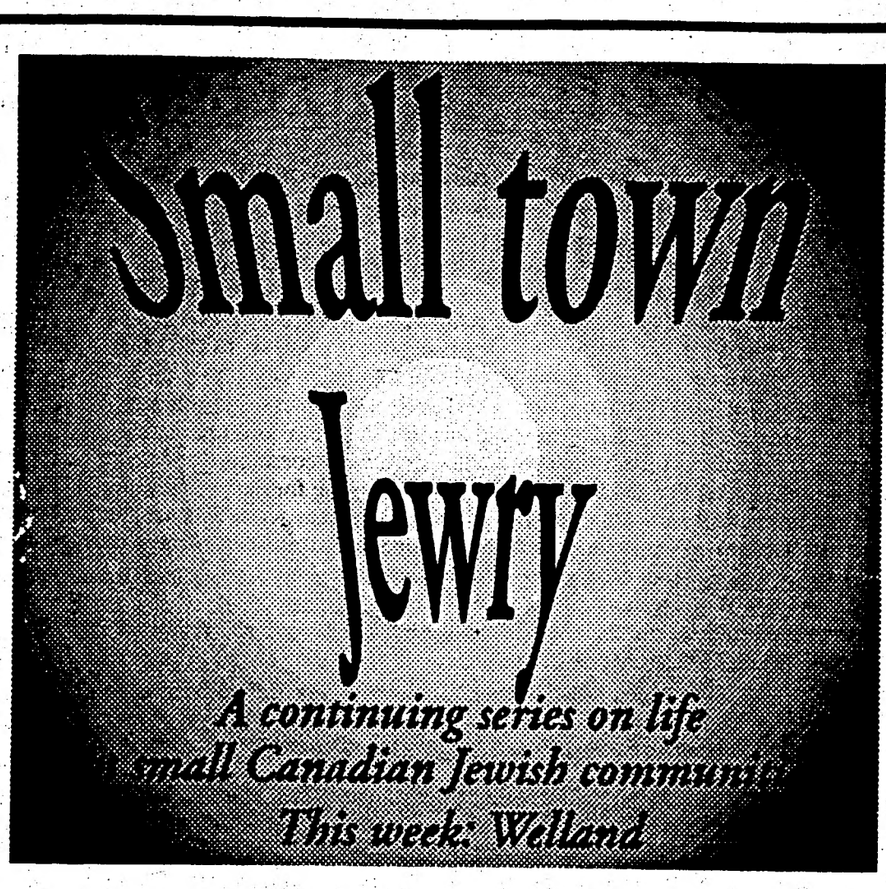
The values that Plaut lives by and taught her children include respect for others, honesty and modesty, she told me.

Hardworking is another attribute that comes to Rabbi Plaut's mind when he talks about his mother. "When my father took on the directorship of the orphanage in Berlin, [the orphanage] really took on two people. My mother was very energetic."

In her 90s she "made an enormous contribution just by her presence [at university]," says the rabbi. "She showed that education is a continuous lifelong process."

For the past six months, Plaut has been a resident at Baycrest, where she spent many years as a volunteer after moving to Toronto in 1961, the year her son became rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple. She was an active member of the congregation, whom she considered as family. She still enjoys participating in Shabbat morning services, which she attends with the rabbi.

"She's accomplished a lot in her life," says Olsberg. "I hope I'm as lucid and as able to deal with life when I reach her age."



By IDELE ROSS

WELLAND —

In 1955, the 45 Jewish families of Welland dedicated Anshei Yosher, a new synagogue and community centre, as well as the tangible testimony to three generations of Jewish life in Ontario's "City on the Canal."

Today, that tasteful two-storey structure of blonde brick and glass is the Church of Christ; even the original cornerstone is gone, but not forgotten. When Welland's Jewish community could no longer support a minyan, the building was sold; however, the synagogues moved to Ness Ziona, Israel.

Edith and Bernard "Bunny" Ennis are one of the three Jewish couples still living in Welland. Like the others though, their children have moved on to bigger cities with more lucrative opportunities.

The Ennis' maintain a residence in Toronto for business reasons but choose to live in Welland. "Welland attracted eastern European immigrants who didn't think they could succeed in the big city," explains Bunny Ennis, an industrialist whose father started in the scrap metal business in 1928. "From Poland, from Russia they came, bringing a dozen different political ideologies with them. I can still hear them arguing," he smiled, "every week at their meeting place, The Culture Club.

"But regardless of the political affiliation — pro-Zionist, anti-Zionist — as a community they were unified. Welland always had a rabbi, we always had a Hebrew teacher.

"For example," continued Edith, the only member of Welland's Jewish community to marry someone she grew up with, "my father belonged to Icor. He was staunchly anti-Zionist, spoke Yiddish with us and would not allow his children to study Hebrew at cheder. He did come around though in later life."

"No one was denied a Jewish education for political or economic reasons," says Bunny, "and that was a major achievement and burden for a small town community during those times."

According to a 1951 demographic survey commissioned by the Canadian Jewish Congress, there were 150 people in Welland; 80 could speak Yiddish, only four spoke Hebrew but 52 said they could read the language. Some 32 of the town's 44 working-age men were in retail. Only three women held jobs.

"In the thirties and forties, we were a vibrant community. We had B'nai Brith and non-Jewish service organizations, the women were active in both Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women. The kids belonged to BBYO."

Bunny continued, "When the old shule burned down in 1953, our parents were determined to build a new spiritual centre for the generations to follow." That synagogue, Anshe Yosher, was dedicated in 1955.

"When we saw that Jewish life in Welland as we knew it was coming to an end, we wanted to commemorate it."

The United Israel Appeal connected the Ennis' with a congregation in Ness Ziona. "The Welland Jewish community funded the building of the Anshe Yosher synagogue there. It has our Torah scrolls, our holy ark and other ritual objects which were meaningful to the spiritual life of this community. Memorial plaques bearing the names of the founding founders of the Jewish community of Welland hang on the walls there as they would in any synagogue in Ontario. Even a stained glass window, that was commissioned in my mother's memory has been reinstalled in Ness Ziona," says Edith.

"We wanted to immortalize the community by rebuilding the synagogue in Israel. Welland is the sad story of what too often happens with small Jewish communities in Canada," concluded Bunny Ennis. "I think we did the right thing."

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There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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GUZA

Lou Gurza, of Toronto, writes that his name was Guza and that his forebears lived in Lodz, Poland.

There is a village near Lodz called Guzow, which probably is the source of the family name.

However, if by any chance his family was in the button business, it may owe its name to the Polish word for button — guz or guzik.

I remember a Jewish family in Toronto many years ago called Gussick, which was probably an anglicized version of Guzik.

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SOSNOVITCH

I asked my colleague Morris Sosnovitch what he knew about the origin of his surname. His ready answer recited with pride was that it was derived from the Hebrew word, Shoshana (rose or lily). The illustrious Sasoon family got their name from that source.

I am always loath to dissipate illusions which may have become hallowed by family tradition, but my instinct is to ascribe a more mundane source to the name. Sosnowiec is the name of a town in south-western Poland, a short distance west of Krakow. It is not very far from Lodz to the north, whence Morris' forebears emigrated.

The Anshei Yosher Synagogue in Ness Ziona.

Manitoba drops school prayer

By RON CSILLAG

WINNIPEG —

Manitoba has become the last province in Canada where school prayer has been dropped from public classrooms.

In a landmark decision last week, Mr. Justice Michael Monnin of the Court of Queen's Bench ruled unconstitutional a section of the Manitoba Public Schools Act that made Christian prayer mandatory in classrooms.

"...to prefer one religion over another, as is now being done in the school system of this province, contravenes the provisions of the Charter [of Rights and Freedoms] relating to freedom of conscience and religion," Mr. Justice Monnin wrote in his 14-page decision.

Canadian Jewish Congress welcomed the ruling as overdue.

Congress spokesman Bernie Farber said it was "silly' for the province to take the matter to court, as most public school boards in Manitoba had already chosen to take advantage of a provision in the law that allowed schools to opt out of holding classroom prayers.

But civil libertarians here had argued that despite the opting out provision, there was pressure on teachers and students to conform to Christian prayer, no matter what their faith.

One expert witness said the mandatory nature of school prayer was "tantamount to coercion."

Others arguing for the overturning of the section said the law violated the rights of non-believers.

The case took four years to reach the court. There was no immediate reaction from the government nor was there an indication of whether the ruling would be appealed.

Education officials said the ruling would not affect the teaching of world religions in Manitoba schools.

In January 1990, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled that the daily recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public classrooms was unconstitutional because it violated the rights of non-Christians and non-believers.

Youth to visit Prague, Israel

TORONTO —

One hundred and fifteen young Canadians are on their way to Prague and Israel to participate in Yachdav '92, the Keren Hayesod's international conference held every three years for young Jewish leaders from around the world.

The Canadian group is the largest contingent Canada has ever sent to Yachdav and is also the largest group among the 20 international delegations participating in Yachdav. Young Canadian Jewish leaders from Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Hamilton are taking part in the 10-day event, which is being sponsored by UIA of Canada in conjunction with local Jewish federations.

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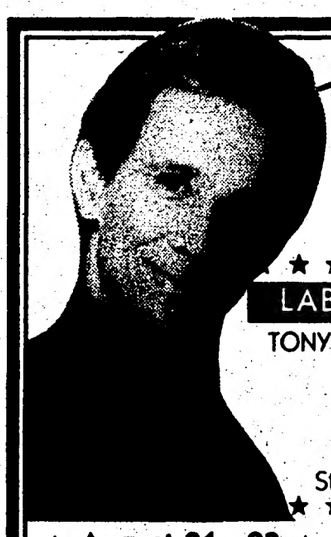

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Berman unhappy with new life

TORONTO —

For the past three to four weeks, Dmitri Berman has been living with his brother's family near Haifa, free from the Soviet justice system that persecuted him for close to three years and which forced him into hiding in the basement of the Canadian embassy in Moscow for 16 months.

Berman flew into Israel on July 16 to join his family, but in a telephone interview with me last week, he remained bitter, disappointed, agitated and resentful over the fate that has befallen him, despite his new-found freedom.

"How can I feel when I live with two families and sleep on the floor in a tiny apartment?" Berman said over the phone from Kiryat Yam B, just north of Haifa.

Speaking in Russian through interpreter Genya Intrator, Berman said the family has been told they must vacate the apartment in one month and they have no place to go. That uncertainty is preventing him from registering in an ulpan (Hebrew language program) and looking for a job.

"What kinds of plans can I have with no place to live and without any money?" he said. "There's only sun and sand here."

In a voice that crackled with agitation and bitterness, Berman said he's disappointed at the treatment olim receive, adding he never expected the situation to be so difficult. He said the Israeli government should at least provide him with an apartment. But when asked if he'd rather be someplace else, Berman responded, "Israel is my country. I am a Jew and this is my country. It's like a mother, sometimes she's good, sometimes not."

Berman's case became a cause celebre among Jewish groups in Canada as a result of his arrest in August, 1988 for allegedly murdering a Moldovan sailor. He was arrested because he looked Jewish and was carrying a screwdriver to protect himself from the anti-Semitic attacks he experienced in the Ukrainian town of Nikolayev, on the Black Sea, Intrator said.

Intrator, who has championed Berman's case for years, said Berman was beaten, tortured and injected with mind-bending drugs. After attempting suicide, he confessed to the crime.

But with the assistance of late Nobel Prize winner Andrei Sakharov, his trial was monitored, and a consensus arose among observers that the prosecution had no case. After 2½ years in the legal system, the case remained unproved. But an announcement by the Soviet prosecutor general that he was going to re-open the case led Berman to flee to Moscow, where he sought and obtained refuge in the Canadian embassy.

Despite threats of diplomatic repercussions, the embassy did not evict Berman, who spent 16 months there, Intrator said.

Last May he left the embassy and moved to a safe house, she added.

Intrator credited the Canadian government for taking up Berman's case. "I feel the Canadians expressed the most incredible patience and humanity," she said. "None of the other embassies wanted to take him in."

She also credited the Soviet Jewry committee of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue in Toronto for pressing Berman's case and calling on government authorities to assist him.

Toronto lawyer Bert Raphael, who represented Berman in Canada, added his kudos for the interventions on Berman's behalf by External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall.—P.L.

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Prosecution delays under fire

TORONTO —

Jewish organizations are disagreeing over the importance of information released last week on the number of war crimes investigations conducted by the federal Justice Department — though all were in accord in criticizing the department for its slow pace of prosecutions.

Spokesmen for Justice responded with a defence of the department, discounting arguments that it had "no fire in the belly" to pursue legal action against suspected Nazi war criminals.

The latest round of Jewish criticism and government defence kicked off last Wednesday with a front-page story by the *Toronto Star* which cited RCMP and Justice Department documents obtained by Sol Littman of the Canadian office of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

The documents indicate "there are approximately 300 files under investigation and/or historical research."

A document obtained from the Access to Information Office of the Justice Department also revealed that no new cases have been presented for approval to the Minister of Justice in the last two-and-a-half years.

(Prior to that, prosecutors launched criminal charges against Imre Finta, Stephen Reistetter and Michael Pawlawski and a civil denaturalization case was initiated against Jacob Luitjens. Finta was acquitted, the charges dropped against Reistetter and Pawlawksi and Luitjens was stripped of his Canadian citizenship.)

Also revealed last week were that the RCMP war crimes section had approximately 1,800 files and had closed 799. The Justice Department indicated it investigated 1,117 names in connection with war crimes. Discrepancies between organizations were explained by Ellen Beall, department co-ordinator of Access to Information and Privacy, as resulting from "different criteria applied to determining whether a name of an individual warrants examination."

Littman said the absence of any cases in recent years reinforces his view that the Justice Department "does not have the stomach" for pursuing prosecutions.

Littman said he believed they were "going through the motions" in a sort of "work to rule," thereby indicating to the Jewish community that their longstanding claim that nothing could be done against suspected Nazi war criminals was accurate.

They also appear disorganized and "seem to be running around, helter skelter, with no game plan in mind," he said.

Jack Silverstone, a spokesman for Canadian Jewish Congress, said that the information obtained by Littman "was not terribly meaningful for us."

He said the total number of files only indicates the number of allegations investigators receive. Some may be serious but others could be insubstantial allegations, he said, adding that the numbers suggest that the task is "more gargantuan than it is."

He said Congress has received information that Justice is operating with a priority list which is "very short" — about a dozen names.

But, he echoed Littman's critique of the pace of prosecutions. "We're extraordinarily frustrated and unhappy that no new cases have been presented to the minister in two-and-a-half years," he said.

The Justice Department seems to be failing to apply "agressive lawyering and aggressive leadership in bringing these cases to court. . . Our view is that there is no fire in the belly" of prosecutors, he added.

David Matas, senior counsel on B'nai Brith's war crimes committee, agreed that "everything in this area seems to happen at a snail's pace. . . This whole area suffers from lethargy and lack of drive." He also criticized the courts for taking too much time to render decisions, pointing to a two-year wait in the denaturalization case involving Luitjens. He suggested that the political echelon could provide more effective leadership in war crimes prosecutions. — P.L.

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Rabbi Hayman

Forty-year-old Rabbi Pinchas Hayman graduated from Yeshiva University in 1980 and until 4½ years ago led an Orthodox congregation in Calgary. A Talmudic expert, he was asked to serve as a consultant to the Crown prosecutor in the Jim Keegstra case. His role was to coach the prosecutor on Jewish sources which Keegstra claimed were the basis of his anti-Semitic views.

The experience dramatically altered Rabbi Hayman's views of Judaism and Christianity, ultimately leading him to help establish a renegade church in Calgary, as well as to uproot his family and move to Israel. Other families from his Calgary congregation have since followed in his footsteps.

Today, Hayman, who is Dean of Students at Bar Ilan University, lives in Raanana with his wife, Shoshana, and their six children, aged 4 to 17. CJN correspondent Leora Frucht spoke to him in his office at Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan.

CJN: *How did your involvement in the Keegstra affair change your view of Christian-Jewish relations?*

Hayman: Keegstra had, in fact, never read any Jewish sources. His anti-Semitic views were based on his Christian ideology. This disturbing realization led me to engage in theological dialogue with Christian priests and ministers in Calgary and other parts of Alberta. The more I spoke to them the more dismayed I became to realize that classical Christianity, as defined by the Catholic church and by mainstream Protestant churches, is in its essence anti-Semitic, and there's no way that in its present form it can be anything but that.

CJN: *Were there particular experiences with the Christian clergy that disturbed you during the Keegstra case?*

Hayman: Yes. One minister, who was a very fine fellow and who was struggling with the theological problem of Christianity towards Judaism, told me that he had held an anti-Keegstra rally in his chuch and that the building was packed. But he learned from talking to the participants that they had come only because Keegstra was anti-black. If Keegstra had merely been anti-Jewish that would not have bothered them in the least because after all, as the minister said to me, "they're getting a steady diet of anti-Semitism from the pulpit in the church all the time."

CJN: *What kind of anti-Semitic diet?*

Hayman: Classical Christianity is based on the view that the covenant that God had with the Jewish people ended with Jesus and that now there's a new covenant that takes precedence over the one with the Jews. According to this view, Judaism is a relic.

CJN: *What then, in your view, is the purpose of interfaith dialogue? What can it accomplish?*

Hayman: You know there's a joke that says that an interfaith dialogue is when Jews who don't believe in Judaism sit down with Christians who don't believe in Christianity and find out that they have a lot in common.

When I sat down to interfaith dialogue, I presented my view of the two religions, citing New Testament sources. Some Christian leaders agreed with me that Christianity was originally a Hebrew-rooted faith that had moved towards paganism through the belief in a physical God and immaculate conception. As a result of that interfaith dialogue we started a church in Calgary called the First Church of the Children of Noah, which believes that non-Jews also have a covenant with god through the seven laws of Noah. That movement has now spread to other parts of North America. (See box page 8)

We believe that non-Jews are our full spiritual partners once they observe their covenant as we observe ours. But Christianity, as practised today, is idol worship and it's important that it be uprooted. For Christianity to go back to what it was intended to be originally, it has to eliminate that pagan element and go back to its roots, namely the seven laws of Noah.

CJN: *Do you think that you efforts might be viewed by some as a mirror of what Christians have tried to do to Jews eternally: conversion. You're not demanding that Christians become Jews, but you are demanding that they become Noahides, that thet live up to your definition of what Christians ought to be.*

Hayman: Not really. Because Christianity says that a Jew who doesn't accept Christianity will burn in hell. A Jew doesn't say anyone has to accept Judaism, but he does say that there's a certain minimal level of value orientation that all humanity must have because man is created in the image of God. We are trying to bring Christians back to the roots of their religion. But never by force; we would never say that Christians have to select the seven laws of Noah or be put to death — the way Christians did to Jews.

CJN: *What led you to leave Calgary and make aliyah?*

Hayman: When I entered the North American rabbinate in Calgary, I felt at that time that Judaism is a religion, and that as such, it could function within the North American pluralistic model, alongside other religions.

The reading I did before and during the Keegstra case made me realize that my conception was wrong: that Judaism is not a religion. It never has been and never will be. Judaism is primarily a national identity.

In Christianity, a person can be a good Christian wherever he lives. In Buddhism, the same. There's no geographical limitations to the observance of any theology except Judaism. Two thirds of the commandments in Judaism are relevant only to the land of Israel.

I started to see that if this is the case then what I'm preaching — that Judaism is a religion — is false. It's a nationality. And our first commitment has to be to the land of Israel. If so, my whole career was then out the window because the goal of building Judaism in a North American context worked against the goal of returning Jews back to where they belong — in the land of Israel.

CJN: *Besides your reading, were there any particular experiences that led you to that conslusion?*

Hayman: Yes. When I was teaching third grade Jewish studies, among the students in the class were my son and an Israeli girl whose father was a Bar Ilan University professor on sabbatical in Calgary. I have always been very proud of my son. But when I looked at him next to this girl I was shocked by what I saw. My son is Jewish by religion. But this girl was Jewish in her religion, her culture, her language, her nationality, her awareness, her whole being.

I then realized that Judaism is something we're attempting to surgically insert into the North American corpus. I asked myself what am I doing here? Am I raising a Canadian with a Jewish veneer?

It's true that a person who wants to can become a part of a little ghettoized community; he can insulate himself from Canadian or American culture the way Jews do in Williamsburg. But who wants to live that way? Were we intended to live inside a box? Is that what Judaism requests of us in order to be Jews? I don't believe that. I believe in being open to the world and integrated into things, but being rooted in my own identity. Once I realized my identity was primarily Jewish and not North American, I had to live in accordance with my principles. So we decided to uproot and come to Israel.

CJN: *Then, in your view, Diaspora Jewry is not viable?*

Hayman: Diaspora Jewry is a place for those who are unable to live in Israel for whatever temporary reason exists. But the idea is a question of principle. Does a Diaspora Jew say: I belong in Israel, but I'm temporarily here. Or does he say: There is no obligation for me to go anywhere but where I am. If he says the latter, he's rejecting Judaism.

CJN: *Rejecting Judaism entirely, or perhaps just a part, one aspect of Judaism?*

Hayman: He's rejected the very definition of what Judaism is: he's rejected Judaism as a national identity. This is why when I realized this and I started preaching this in the synagogue, the Jewish community was disturbed. They said: "We're comfortable here; this is our home; we're Canadians." And I said to them: "You may be living in Canada, but you're not Canadians; you're Jews." Saying you're a Canadian Jew is like saying you're a French-German, or a Russian-Chinese —

CJN: *Is it any different, or any less legitimate, than calling yourself a Canadian Italian or a Canadian Greek?*

Hayman: It's legitimate for a person to say he's a Canadian from Italian extraction. But what will that person's children say? And his grandchildren? What will happen is the Italian identity will lessen as time goes by and the Canadian identity will take over. That is assimilation. And that's what happens to Jews when they lose their connection to their own soil.

CJN: *But if Jews are sending their children to Jewish schools, marking Jewish holidays at home, this aspect of the tie, the cultural-religious, is still maintained.*

Hayman: Yes, it is maintained to the extent that it keeps a certain element of our identity intact. But if you just look at the statistics in North America they show that with Jewish education, in all its wonderful forms, the Jewish people are disappearing from the face of the country, both in quantity and quality. The rates of intermarriage are increasing all the time; the number of Jews who are not affiliated with any Jewish institution is by far the majority of Jews now. And it's natural that that should happen.

It's the process that one could have expected when you tell your children "we're Americans, but we follow Jewish customs." When push comes to shove and they have to choose, their values will be American.

CJN: *So, in your view, the real danger for Jews in North America is not anti-Semitism but assimilation?*

Hayman: Right. It's the loss of identity. I once said something in Calgary to shock people. I said that we have lost more Jewish children in North America to assimilation than we lost in the Holocaust to the Nazis.

CJN: *So you urged people in your congregation to move to Israel?*

Hayman: Absolutely. I told them that in the same way that our ancestors moved to North America in order to save our lives physically, it's now incumbent upon us to immigrate to Israel to save our children's lives spiritually. There is no choice anymore.

CJN: *What kind of response did you get?*

Hayman: Most people faced with those kind of choices say, "leave me alone" because they don't want to be forced into very difficult choices. But three families came shortly after I did, and four or five others are talking about coming soon.

CJN: *Israel is a tough society. Not everybody can be happy here even if it is the right thing to do. Do you think it's legitimate for someone to say that my own personal happiness comes first; that I don't want to spend my life suffering daily in a society where I just can't manage?*

Hayman: If a person says "I don't have to live in Israel to be a Jew, or I don't have to observe Shabbat to be a Jew" — then he's fooling himself; he's trying to create a new religion and call it Judaism, instead of seeing Judaism for what it really is. But if a person says "I know that Israel is a place where I really should be, but I can't right now" — I accept that. He's being honest.

But I would say to such a person: Think about your children. When I think of the sacrifice that our parents and grandparents made when they immigrated from Europe: they lived in poverty, they sacrificed language, friends and family in order

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Israeli teenagers a hit across Canada

TORONTO —

Six Israeli teens — four from Or Yehuda and two from Eilat — have spent their summer touring Jewish communities and summer camps in Eastern Canada in a program sponsored by UIA Canada.

The two youths from Eilat (Toronto's twin project renewal community) performed in six Ontario camps — Camp Northland, White Pine, Winnebago, Wahanowen, Timberlaine and New Moon — in a show featuring traditional Israeli music, contemporary Israeli pop and a few folk tunes from the 60's.

The Eilat duo, Pnina Tsadok and Ofir Miller, were discovered by Al Goodman (director of Camp New Moon), during a recent UIA mission to Israel.

"We were in Eilat dedicating a youth lounge that had been formerly used as a bomb shelter," explained Goodman, "and then we heard these incredible kids performing, we thought it would be great if we could get them to mingle with their Canadian peers and show Canadian teenagers how much they have in common with Israeli teens."

Both of the 18-year-old youths are talented singers and performers (Pnina sings while Ofir sings and play the guitar and piano) and their group, 057, has been chosen to represent Israel in "Halleluyah," Israel's international music competition for Jewish youth which is being held in Jerusalem later this year.

The four Or Yehuda teens spent their summer visiting their twin project renewal partners, the small communities of the Ontario and Atlantic regions. It was their way of saying thank you for the support their once depressed community received from the Jews of Eastern Canada.

Their visit also reinforced the warm relationship that has developed between the two communities since the inception of Project Renewal in Or Yehuda in 1979.

For their Canadian tour the members of the Or Yehuda troupe prepared a 40-minute musical presentation entitled *Hashalom Sheli* (My peace), based on the poetry of Arab and Israeli children on the subject of peace and on their own personal thoughts on the prospects for peace in the Middle East. Their presentation also included five contemporary Israeli peace songs.

The four members of the Or Yehuda troupe are: Shabtai Ben-Lavan, Shimon Zaga, Vered Azar and Nava Tsaban.

Or Yehuda youth celebrate their last performance in Canada at JCC centre camp. Top row from left, Shimon Zaga and Vered Azar. Botton row from left, Nava Tsaban and Shabtai Ben-Lavan.

Errors cited in extradition case

CINCINNATI (JTA) —

In a fact-finding hearing last week, lawyers for John Demjanjuk, the former Cleveland-area autoworker sentenced to death in Israel as the Nazi death camp guard "Ivan the Terrible," argued that government prosecutors failed to disclose key evidence that could ultimately have prevented their client's 1986 extradition to Israel.

Patty Merkamp Stemler, chief of the appellate section of the Justice Department's criminal division, admitted to a federal appeals court here that the government had additional evidence and that it may have been prudent for the department to have disclosed all the testimony and related documents in its possession.

However, she argued, the outcome of the extradition proceedings would have not been significantly affected.

On its own initiative, the three-judge panel for the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had set this unusual hearing to re-examine its 1986 decision to extradite Demjanjuk.

The court ordered government lawyers to present evidence they possessed that points to another man, Ivan Marchenko, as the gruesome "Ivan the Terrible" and to indicate when they had knowledge of such evidence.

Primarily in question are documents turned over to the Justice Department in 1978 by the former Soviet Union which contain excerpts from interrogations of Pavel Leleko and Nikolay Malagon, former guards at the Treblinka camp in Poland where "Ivan the Terrible" operated the gas chambers.

In these statements, not disclosed by the government, both guards identified Marchenko as the guard in question. According to Demjanjuk's lawyers, the two guards also clearly identified a second operator named Nikolay and stated that witnesses interviewed spoke of only two gas chamber operators.

The importance of this information has been "way overstated" by Demjanjuk's lawyers, Stemler maintained.

John Demjanjuk

"Our position is that the existence of Marchenko does not negate Demjanjuk's presence (at Treblinka)."

She argued that there was no evidence to indicate that only two people operated the gas chambers where 900,000 Jews were murdered during World War II.

Moreover, up until 1976, the government sought to denaturalize Demjanjuk on charges that he was a guard at the Sobibor death camp but survivors around the world who were shown Demjanjuk's photograph in connection with the denaturalization case of another guard pointed to Demjanjuk as "Ivan Grozny" (Ivan the Terrible) from Treblinka.

The federal judges, however, pressed Stemler to justify the Department's position that the Leleko and Malagon statements, even if inadvertently not disclosed, had no bearing on the outcome of the extradition hearings.

In response, she said that in extradition proceedings, contradictory evidence is not relevant and the prosecution is only required to show that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the offence.

Evidence recently released from the archives of the former Soviet Union includes some statements by former Soviet prisoners of war who worked as concentration camp guards and identified Ivan Marchenko as the dreaded "Ivan the Terrible"

Justice Department officials have maintained that the task of assessing the significance of conflicting and newly discovered evidence rests with the judges in Israel, rather than those in Cincinnati.

Demjanjuk is currently appealing his conviction and 1988 death sentence in Israel to the Israeli High Court of Justice. Justice Aharon Barak of that court told prosecutors in Israel that the conviction would not hold up if there was reasonable doubt that Demjanjuk was in fact the sadistic Treblinka guard "Ivan."

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JERUSALEM —

Ziyyad Abu-Zayyad, publisher of the Palestinian Hebrew-language newspaper, *Gesher* and a key adviser to the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in the Middle East peace talks, told the 52 participants in Federation CJA's Montreal Leadership Retreat in Israel that "the only people less welcome in the region than the Jews, are the Palestinians."

He backed his view with a reference to the expulsion of tens of thousands of Palestinians from Kuwait during the Gulf War and by underscoring that thousands of Palestinians are under detention in both Syria and Lebanon. He also admitted that the support given by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to Iraq during the conflict was a "strategic error . . . a bad mistake."

In a statement described as "incredibly candid" by members of his audience in an east Jerusalem hotel on August 3, Abu Zayyad admitted that the Palestinian people had been "used" by the Arab nations who had demonstrated over the years their willingness to fight Israel to the last Palestinian. This fact, he claimed, was the root of the 1988 decision of the PNC to recognize Israel's right to exist, to accept a resolution of the conflict under United Nations resolutions 242 and 338 and to seek what he described as the "two state solution."

Between the lines it appeared, for the first time, that the Palestinians had begun to recognize that their chances for a settlement were better by playing the Israeli card than by continuing to rely on the Arab countries.

Pressed by a member of the group to state unequivocally whether or not, in the official Palestinian view, Jews had the right to be in Israel, Abu Zayyad said: "If you're asking me about 1948 when my people were displaced and their land taken, I cannot say yes. If we are speaking about from today forward, my answer is yes."

This theme recurred throughout his remarks and in his responses to questions. He insisted that what mattered was the "reality on the ground today" and not the issue of who was here first or, for that matter, the battles and terror of the past, or even the current stabbings of Jews which he ascribed to those who wish to impede the peace process.

He described himself as "encouraged" by the position of the new Labor government of Prime Minister Rabin.

What was equally surprising, earlier on the same day, were the statements of a Jewish activist in the territories. Ita Beek was born in New York and made aliyah to the Jewish settlements in the Etzion Bloc in Judea. She is a mother of five, an Orthodox Jew and a firm believer in the right of the Jews to settle anywhere in Eretz Israel.

There had been Jewish settlements here prior to 1948 but they were lost to the Egyptian army in the 1948 War of Independence with all the defenders killed. In 1967, the children of the original settlers determined to return and, in so doing, have built not "settlements" as the media is wont to describe anything in the territories, but small cities, with infrastructure, schools, apartments and homes, shops and transportation networks.

To Beek and her colleagues there is no question of abandoning such places. Moreover, the new Israeli government would likely include the Etzion Bloc in the range of "security settlements" it has promised to protect and, indeed, even strengthen. Yet, for peace, Beek is willing to make a "gesture" to the Palestinians. She would not say what that gesture would be but the mere fact that such words were uttered by a spokesperson of the Etzion Bloc raises hopes that humanity might yet prevail over terror and mistrust.

(Bernie Moscovitz, a Montreal executive and political commentator, was a participant in Federation CJA's Leadership Retreat in Israel from July 27-August 5)

Dinitz to visit Canada as part of UIA campaigns

TORONTO —

Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization will visit Canada at the end of August. His first stop in his schedule will be Montreal where he will address United Israel Appeal (UIA) senior campaign and federation leadership from across Canada.

The present fundraising partnership between local federations and UIA will be the focus of his talk. President of UIA Canada is Julia Koschitzky.

On August 24 he will address a top donor function launching the Ottawa UIA Campaign at the home of Avi and Alissa Iny. Chairman of the Ottawa campaign is Lawrence Soloway.

On August 25 Dinitz will return to Montral to address Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) top donors at the kick-off event hosted by Charles and Andrea Bronfman. Chairman of Montreal's CJA 1992 is David Vineberg.

Dinitz will conclude his Canada visit in Toronto on August 26 where he will speak to United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus major gifts canvassers at the Primrose Club. Co-chairman of the Toronto UJA Major Gifts Division are Lawrence Bloomberg and Aaron Brotman. Co-chairmen of Toronto's 1993 UJA/Operation Exodus Campaign are Bernie Ghert and Neil Nisker.

In each city Dinitz will participate in a number of major gift solicitations. He will be accompanied, throughout his trip, by his wife Vivian, who will talk to Campaign Women's Division groups, by Julia Koschitzky, and by Steve Ain, executive vice-president UIA Canada.

Rabbi Hayman

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to ensure that their children had a better opportunity.

Someone has to be the immigrant. Either we will, or we're putting our children or grandchildren in a position of having to be immigrants; otherwise they'll disappear as Jews altogether. I think a person has to ask himself: Is my personal happiness more important than the welfare of my children?

CJN: *In your job as Dean of Students at Bar Ilan University, you're in close contact with Ethiopian immigrant students. Have these encounters affected you?*

Hayman: Definitely. It's incredible when you hear what they were willing to risk in order to come to Israel. We, North American immigrants, load up a container and bring all our goodies with us. They come here on their feet — if they're lucky. One student told me that when he walked across Ethiopia, he started with a group of 50 youth and only 25 made it. The others were either eaten by beasts or murdered along the way.

We don't understand what Jews in other parts of the world are prepared to give to be Jews. We're prepared to give a donation to UIA and three days a year in synagogue.

Jews must be made to realize that returning to Israel is the call of the age, of our generation. God is knocking on the door of history and saying: "After 2,000 years, you have your land back." Now that call HAS to mean more to us than our cars and our vacations — it just MUST.

Children of Noah Church

Children of Noah followers believe that as non-Jews, they are obliged to follow the seven commandments given by God to Noah and all of humanity in the aftermath of the flood. These include prohibitions against blasphemy, murder, sexual sins, robbery, the eating of flesh cut from a live animal, as well as the obligation to establish courts of justice.

Gentiles are not obliged to follow most of the 613 commandments incumbent upon Jews, such as circumcision and adherence to the laws of kashrut. Children of Noah believe that in following these seven commandments they will hasten the coming of the Messiah. In their theology, the "Father, Son and the Holy Ghost" have been replaced by "God, Israel and Tora." A number of branches of the new church have sprouted up in North America, particularly in the American Bible Belt. A world centre, to be located in Jerusalem, is now being planned.

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40 יאָר נאָכן מאָרד איבער סאָוועטישע יידישע שרייבערס

אָנגעהויבן האָט עס זיך מיטן מאָרד פון דעם גרויסן יידישן קינסטלער, דעם מאָרדיצער פון "ידישן אַנטיפאַשיסטישן קאָמיטעט, שלמה מיכאָעלס, אין יאַנואַר, 1948.

וועגן די נייעס האָט זיך צעטראָגן איבערן לאַנד. ספּעציעל אין מאָסקווע, האָט זי אַרויסגערופן אַ שרעקלעכע אויפרודערונג. אַן אָפּיציעלער קאָמוניקאַט איז אויף שנעל אַרויסגעגעבן געוואָרן, אַז מיכאָעלס איז אומגעקומען אין אַן אויטאָמאָביל-צוזאַמענשטויס. די לאָקאַלע מאַכט אין מינסק האָט באַשטימט אַן אויספֿאָרשונג-קאָמיסיע, אָבער די קאָמיסיע האָט קיינמאָל ניט פונקציאָנירט.

מיכאָעלס'עס מאָרד איז געווען דער אָנהויב פון דער בלוטיקער טראַגעדיע, וואָס איז באַפאַלן די יידישע שרייבערס און קולטור-טוערס אין סאָוועטן-פאַרבאַנד. סטאַלין און בעריאַ האָבן ניט לאַנג געווארט. בלויז אַ פּאָר חדשים שפּעטער האָט דער דייער מערדעריש האָק אַראָפּגעלאָזט אויפן גאַנצן בנין פון יידישער קולטור-שאַפונג אין דעמאָלטדיקן סאָוועטן-פאַרבאַנד.

אין נאָוועמבער 1948, אין אַ דאָנערשטיק נאָכמיטאָג איז אָנגעקומען אַ בריוו פון אינערן מיניסטעריום צום אָנטי-פאַשיסטישן קאָמיטעט מיט דער מעלדונג, אַז דיין עקזיסטענץ איז געוואָרן אומנויטיק. דעם זעלבן אויפדערנאַכט איז דער קאָמיטעט אויפגעלייזט געוואָרן און די ביוראָ איז פאַרזיגלט געוואָרן. דאָס ענלעכע האָט פּאַסירט מיטן פאַרלאַג „עמעס".

פיר וואָכן צייט האָבן די מיטגלידער פון קאָמיטעט און די אַנדערע יידישע שרייבערס געלעבט אין פאַר-צוויפלונג, ניט זייענדיק זיכער, וואָס דער מאָרגן וועט ברענגען. סוף דעצעמבער פון זעלבן יאָר זיינען פלוצים אַרעסטירט געוואָרן איציק פעפער און בנימין זוסקין. זייער אַרעסט איז געווען דער פאָר-גייער פון די וויטערדיקע אַרעסטן פון הונדערטער יידישע שרייבערס, קינסטלערס און קולטור-בייערס.

סוף חודש יאַנואַר, 1949, זיינען אַרעסטירט געוואָרן דוד בערגעלסאָן, פּרץ מאַרקיש, דוד האָפשטיין און לייב קוויטקאָ. אַ ביסל שפּעטער איז אַרעסטירט געוואָרן דער גרויסער יידישער שרייבער, דער נסתּר. ער איז אומגעקומען אין תּפיסה, און די ענקער האָבן ניט „געהאַט די זכיה" אים צו הינריכטן.

צווישן די אַרעסטירטע איז אויך געווען סאַלאָמאָן לאָזאָווסקי, אַן אָנגעזעענער פירער פון דער קאָמ-ניסטישער פאַרטיי. זיין „פאַרברעכן" איז באַשטאַנען אין דעם, וואָס ער איז דורך סטאַלינ'ען באַשטימט געוואָרן צו זיין דער פאַרבינדונגס-מענטש צווישן יידישן אַנטי-פאַשיסטישן קאָמיטעט מיטן צענטראַל-קאָמיטעט פון דער פאַרטיי. דאָס איז געווען גענוג אורזאַך פאַר זיין אַרעסט.

נאָענט צו פיר יאָר זיינען די אַרעסטירטע געהאַלטן געוואָרן אין טורמע, וואו זיי זיינען אויפן אומ-מענטשלעכסטן אופן געפיניקט געוואָרן. אין חודש יולי, 1952, זיינען 25 פון די סאַמע אָנגעזעענסטע שרייבערס, קינסטלערס, וויסנשאַפטלייט און קולטור-טוערס געשטעלט געוואָרן צו אַ געהיימן פראָצעס, אונטער דער קלאָגע, אַז זיי האָבן אָרגאַ-ניזירט אַ קאָנספיראַציע צו באַזעצן יידן אין קרים און פאַרוואַנדלען דעם געגנט אין אַ מלחמה-באַזע פאַר אַמעריקאַנער אימפּעריאַליזם. אויף אָט-דער וואַמ-ניקער אָנקלאָגע זיינען זיי אַלע געפונען געוואָרן שולדיק און 24 פון די 25 זיינען פאַר-משפּט געוואָרן צום טויט.

די איינציקע, וואָס איז אָפּגעקומען מיט אַ שטראָף פון 10 יאָר תּפיסה איז געווען די באָרימטע וויסנ-שאַפטלערין, אַקאַדעמיקער לינאַ שטערן. זי איז רעהאַביליטירט געוואָרן נאָכן 20-סטן קאָנגרעס פון דער סאָוועטישער קאָמוניסטישער פאַרטיי און געשטאָרבן אַ פּאָר יאָר שפּעטער.

40 יאָר זיינען אַדורך, אָבער אויפן היינטיקן טאָג וויסט מען ניט, וואו עס געפינען זיך די קברים, אָדער וואו עס געפינט זיך דער געבין פון די מאַרטירער.

אָפּאַלאָגעטן פון קאָמוניסטישן רעזשים ראַטן אומדז צו פאַרגעסן די פאַרנאַנגענהייט, אָדער זיי פּרובידן אָנווייזן אויף איין יחיד אָלס דעם שולדיקן. דאָס איז בלויז אַ מיטל צו פאַרטושן דעם אמת און ריינוואַשן די פאַרברעכנס.

אָבער מיר, וועלכע ערן דעם אָנדענק פון די אומגעבראַכטע מאַרטירער, פון די גרויסע יידישע קינסטלערס, מחן ביי זיך אָנטשליסן, אַז דער שאָנד-טאַט פון 12-טן אויגוסט 1952 וועט קיינמאָל ניט פאַרגעסן ווערן.

Jews in Estonia facing increase in anti-Semitism

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Jews in Estonia are experiencing an upsurge in anti-Semitism along with the threat of being deprived of their civil rights, Jewish groups are reporting.

In a letter to B'nai B'rith International in Washington, a Jew in the capital city of Tallinn detailed some unsettling incidents, saying new developments in Estonia "menace life and calmness of Jews."

Among the incidents reported are threatening phone calls, graffiti, newspaper articles and cemetery desecrations.

Mark Levin, acting executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said, "The conference has been monitoring this for a long time and will continue to make approaches to the appropriate government officials here and abroad."

Although Estonia's just-ratified constitution disenfranchises some 600,000 persons, most of them of Russian origin, Jews are reported being particularly targeted by nationalist, even Nazi-like elements.

The new Estonian Constitution decrees that residents who were not themselves or whose parents were not registered residents in Estonia in 1938 are not Estonian citizens.

Such persons cannot vote and cannot own property. By the end of this year such persons could also be prohibited from being employed in civil service jobs.

The new Estonian law requires families who came to the Baltic state at the time of the Soviet occupation in 1940 to wait a year for citizenship, and then only after passing an Estonian-language proficiency exam.

The Jews have been labeled Soviet collaborators getting marching orders from "international Zionism," according to the World Jewish Congress and the National Conference.

Tombstones were recently desecrated at a Jewish cemetery in Tartu, site of a concentration camp during World War II.

A rally by a Slavic group last month turned into a strongly anti-Semitic gathering, reports the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. There was even a call for the word "kike" (zhiddy) to be legalized, said Pamela Cohen, president of the Union of Councils.

But there are differing accounts of the government's response.

B'nai B'rith's contact wrote that the Estonian government "refused to comment" on the anti-Semitic incidents or "to guarantee our security."

George Spectre, associate director of international and governmental affairs of B'nai B'rith, said a group of Jews who brought the problem to the government's attention were told, "We are tired of the Jewish problem."

But the WJC said a member of the Estonian government called the chairman of the Jewish community to assure him that the "government unequivocally condemned such manifestations."

Spectre said he was told that Jews in Estonia are increasingly asking for visas for the United States and Israel.

But the Jewish Agency has not registered an increase in requests for Israeli visas from Estonia, according to Jennifer Rothfield, director of public information for the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency. "It's been status quo," she said.

Likewise, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society reported "no special activity" for Estonian visa requests, said Roberta Elliott, HIAS director of public affairs.

The Jewish population of Estonia is very small, believed now to number only about 3,500.

The Estonian consul in New York, Aarand Roors, said his country had been occupied for so long that its language and sovereignty had become alien on its own soil.

"Minorities in Estonia are eligible to apply for citizenship if they have lived there permanently for two years when they submit application. That is altogether three years, which I think is rather liberal compared to any other," he said.

The language-proficiency exam tests usage of 1,500 words, he said. "Of course, that is a requirement for living in a country so that they can familiarize themselves with their rights and responsibilities."

He spoke highly of the Jewish community of Estonia as not only able and willing to speak Estonian but excelling in the language.

"The Jews in general are the best speakers of Estonian of all the non-Estonians, together with the Finns," he said.

He said vociferously that Jews could certainly not be considered among the occupiers.

"They can't have been — they were one of our national minorities. The only occupiers were the Soviets and Nazi Germans," he said.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

A young booklover seems to be enjoying herself at a Book Week stand in Tel-Aviv. (I.P.P.A. photo)

Israel, Vatican trying to normalize relations

ROME (JTA) —

Israel and the Vatican have taken a major step toward normalizing relations by announcing the formation of a "permanent working commission" aimed at establishing full diplomatic ties between the two states.

The commission marks the first institutionalized relationship between the Holy See and Jerusalem. Its formation was announced after a meeting in Rome involving senior officials from both sides.

The two groups issued a joint statement saying their goal is "to study and define together subjects of mutual interest with the aim of achieving a normalization of relations."

Yosef Hadass, director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, who headed the Israeli side at the talks, said the papal delegation, led by Deputy Foreign Minister Monsignor Claudio Maria Celli, had stated explicitly that "normalizing" meant the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the two states.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro Walls told reporters at a news conference in Vatican City that it is "the first clear step of an official nature that can be looked on with optimism."

From Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres hailed the development, saying "it should be regarded as important."

Avi Pazner, Israel's ambassador to Italy, who participated in the meeting, was jubilant.

"It's a great day, a historic day," he said. "It's a turning point in Vatican-Israel relations, and we're very satisfied with the talks," he said.

Neither Catholic nor Israeli participants in the meeting would speculate on how long the process of normalizing relations might take, but according to Pazner, the full bilateral commission will reconvene in November in Jerusalem.

In the meantime, smaller groups will hold working sessions on various facets of the process, he said.

Jews have long maintained that the Vatican must establish full and normal relations with Israel. But until recently, the Vatican held that certain conditions would have to be met by Israel, conditions which Jews considered unrealistic.

One longstanding plank in the Vatican's policy called for the "internationalization" of Jerusalem, which would have divided control among the various parties staking a claim to the city, including Catholics.

The Vatican has also said that it would not establish diplomatic relations with Israel as long as the country's borders are "unclear."

But in the last year or so, portents of change have been observed.

The change of government in Israel and expected progress in the peace process are said to have influenced the Vatican's decision to take a concrete step toward diplomatic relations now.

Now just who caught whom?

HAIFA (JPFS) —

Haifa police received an anonymous call in the early hours of the morning recently that a suspicious man was loitering beneath an apartment window — apparently a would-be burglar.

When detectives arrived at the scene they definitely saw somebody hiding among the bushes. And the man they caught was indeed planning to break into the apartment. But, it turned out, he was the owner.

The man told the police that he was in the midst of a divorce and that he was looking for evidence against his estranged wife, whom he suspected of having an affair, police reported. Catching her in the act would be just the thing to help his case against her in rabbinical court.

The detectives checked with headquarters and learned that the suspect was telling the truth. But they found out that a court order had barred the man from approaching his apartment after nightfall. That was enough reason to arrest the man.

The detectives thought they had closed the case, except for one thing: Who called the police?

After a short check, the detectives solved that problem, too, The wife, in the company of a lover, had made the call hoping that police would catch her husband before he caught her.

HAVING FUN

A Romanian actor from the National Theatre of Craiova poses with two soldiers on the Ben Yehuda Mall. (I.P.P.A. photo)

Rabbis overturn mamzer status

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

In a precedent setting decision, the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court recently declared four people who were previously categorized as mamzerim eligible to marry by annulling the Orthodox marriages of their mother.

Previously, only Reform and Conservative marriages had been annulled in such cases.

According to halacha, a mamzer is the child born of a woman's adulterous relationship, i.e., she is still married to a man other than the child's father. Mamzerim cannot marry most other Jews.

The case had its origins in a small U.S. town in 1958, when a young woman married a much older man in an Orthodox ceremony. Three months later, the couple obtained a civil divorce. Shortly thereafter, the woman married again, this time in a Reform ceremony, and later had four children, three sons and a daughter.

The family made aliya at the end of last year, and the four children, now between 20 and 30, approached the court to clarify their status.

Over the past eight months, dozens of witnesses gave testimony before three rabbinical courts, both here and in the United States.

From their testimony with several leading halachic authorities both in Israel and in the United States, the court ruled that the first marriage was invalid and the four children were not mamzerim.

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Pat Boone campaigns for Operation Exodus

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Pat Boone, wearing a Western-stitched sports jacket and an engaging smile on his still-boyish face, is looking into the television camera and quoting Scripture to convince telethon viewers to donate money to the United Jewish Appeal's Operation Exodus.

The Soviet immigration to Israel is "the most dramatic fulfillment of biblical prophecy in the 20th century," says Boone. "As it says in Scripture, God is calling his children home.

"We need godly men and women to say 'yes, I am my brother's keeper,' " he exhorts. "Send in your sacrificial gift of $100 or $600 or whatever you can afford."

And his viewers have responded.

In addition to the $100,000 that Pat Robertson donated last year, evangelical Christians have contributed more than $100,000 to Operation Exodus through the telethon, which is called "While The Door is Still Open." It has run on dozens of Christian cable stations since it debuted in the beginning of 1992.

Viewers' average gift is $90, says the telethon's producer, an Orthodox rabbi named Yechiel Eckstein, three times more than the typical average gift brought in by telethons.

Eckstein is executive director of The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, an organization he created in 1983 to help corral support for Jewish issues in evangelical circles and encourage understanding between the two faith communities.

But not everyone in the Jewish community waxes enthusiastic about working closely with evangelicals. According to some interreligious affairs professionals and observers, evangelicals' mission to convert people to belief in Jesus must be weighed carefully against the value of their support for Israel.

Boone himself seems to embody the paradox presented by the evangelicals' relationship to the Jewish community: the man hired by the Israeli government to be its tourism ambassador to born-again Christians also supports Hebrew-Christian groups like Jews for Jesus.

Still, the evangelical community's potential benefit to the Jewish community is not easily dismissed.

Thirty-eight percent of Americans — an estimated 68 million people — call themselves "born-again," or evangelical Christians, according to the Princeton Religion Research Center.

And to Eckstein, these Christians are a well of support for Israel just waiting to be tapped by the Jewish community.

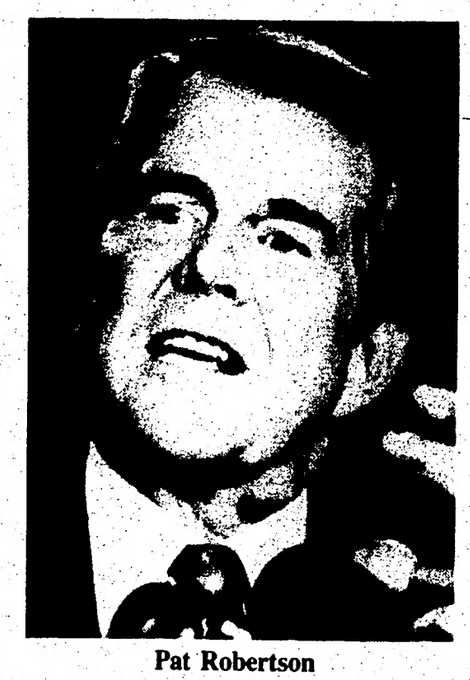
"They feel called upon to be a blessing to the Jewish community," he says.

The days under former U.S. President Ronald Reagan, when important evangelical leaders had close ties to the White House, are fast receding. Though some say fundamentalist Christians enjoy too much sway over the Bush presidency, the connection is less intimate. Israel-supporting evangelicals tried without success to get Bush to release the loan guarantees to Israel earlier this year.

And if Democratic nominee Bill Clinton wins in November, evangelicals may wield less clout.

But they will still be politically important to Jews, argues Eckstein. He notes that a recent poll cited on the ABC news program *Nightline* indicated that 46 percent of Democrats describe themselves as evangelical or "born-again" Christians.

Just slightly more — 48 percent — of



Pat Robertson

Republicans call themselves evangelicals, according to the survey.

But Jews have an unnuanced view of evangelicals, says Eckstein. They tend to equate the entire community with the right-wing, most vocal segment, which he says accounts for no more than one third of the whole.

The more moderate centre, which accounts for about two thirds of the movement, is growing in importance, Eckstein says.

"It's not going to be quite the same as in the Reagan period. It's not going to be the same kind of knee-jerk support for Israel. It's going to have to be educated and directed, but it is out there.

"And by and large, the Jewish community is not working with them," he says. "Fear, suspicion and an inability to talk to them is ubiquitous among Jewish leadership.

"The Jewish community isn't willing to make the investment with evangelicals to sensitize them. How can we expect them to be aware and sensitive to our issues if we're not willing to make the investment?"

Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of interreligious affairs at the Anti-Defamation League, agrees that it would be a mistake for Jewish organizations to ignore evangelicals.

"We haven't paid enough attention to the evangelical movement. Working with them allows us to eliminate anti-Jewish feeling," said Klenicki, who is evaluating the image of Jews in evangelical educational materials through the National Association of Evangelicals, an umbrella group for 45 denominations.

The cornerstone of evangelicals' commitment to Jews is a verse in Genesis, where God tells Abraham "I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you."

For evangelicals who adhere to Scripture as the inerrant voice of God, this line is their mandate to aid the Jewish people.

And the Israeli government is working hard to make the most of their interest in the Holy Land. The Israel Government Tourist Office hired Boone last year to be its "official ambassador" to the born-again community.

And in October, El Al will begin running flights between Dallas — the heart of the Bible Belt — and Tel Aviv, three times a week, expressly to accommodate evangelical tourists. Roughly 55 percent of Israel's visitors from the United States are Christian, according to Rafael Farber, Israel's commissioner of tourism in North America.

JDC recruits for India position

NEW YORK —

For the past seven years young adults have been developing Jewish educational and cultural programs in India and working with aged Jews in Morocco as members of the Jewish Service Corps (JSC). Now the JSC, sponsored by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), is recruiting for a new position in India.

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The News in Brief

Charges dropped

SYDNEY, Australia — An Adelaide magistrate has dropped the charges against alleged war criminal Mikolay Berezowsky, saying there was "no case to answer."

Berezowsky, 78, wept openly on hearing the charges had been dropped. He later told reporters that he was "relieved at the outcome."

He was charged with knowing involvement in the mass murder of the 102 Jewish villagers of the Ukrainian village of Gnivan between March and July of 1942.

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Shimon Agranat dead

JERUSALEM — Shimon Agranat, a former president of Israel's High Court of Justice and for decades one of Israel's foremost jurists has died in Jerusalem. He was 86.

Born into a Zionist family in Lousiville, Ky., Agranat first came to Israel in the 1920s to study at Herzliya High School in Tel Aviv. He returned to the United States, where he completed his legal studies at the University of Chicago.

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Memorial at Buchenwald

BONN — A new memorial will be erected at the site of the Buchenwald concentration camp to commemorate the 10,000 Jews who perished at the infamous camp.

Plans for the new memorial were announced by the state government of Thuringia, which was formerly part of East Germany. The new marker will replace one erected by the Communist regime there that barely mentions that Jews died at the camp.

The existing plaque focuses on the persecution of Communists and Soviets under the Nazis.

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Arab party keeps seat

JERUSALEM — The Arab Democratic Party will retain its two seats in the Knesset as a result of a ruling by the Jerusalem District Court.

The court rejected the government's appeal of the election results in a Bedouin village in the Negev. The government had argued that disarray in the polling process raised doubts about the validity of the results.

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Unemployment rises

JERUSALEM — The number of people looking for work via the Government Employment Service rose five percent in July compared to the previous month, as the government's housing freeze had its expected effect on unemployment lines.

In total, a seasonally-adjusted 146,800 people registered with the service last month, up from 139,900 the previous month. Unadjusted, the figures were 148,700 and 135,100, respectively.

Another factor which had a large impact on the raw data was the wave of newly demobilized soldiers who were released from the Israel Defence Forces last month.

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War criminal libel suit

JERUSALEM — A judge in Edinburgh has said he was convinced that a Lithuanian man took part in many operations involving the killing of innocent Soviet citizens, including Jews, during World War II.

Lord Milligan ruled that Scottish Television had not libelled Antony Gecas, 76, in a 1987 documentary that accused the former mining engineer of war crimes.

Gecas had sued the television company for libel and sought 600,000 pounds ($1.16 million) in damages.

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Trier cemetery vandalized

BONN — Vandals desecrated the old Jewish cemetery of Trier, a city in western Germany near the Luxembourg border.

As many as 40 gravestones were overturned, more than half of them destroyed.

Police believe several adults must have been among the vandals, who climbed a 6-foot 6-inch wall surrounding the cemetery.

The Trier cemetery, which is well-known for its beauty and historical value, dates to 1620 and was in use until 1992. Among those buried there is Mordechai Halevi, who was a rabbi in Trier and the grandfather of Karl Marx.

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Absorption director named

JERUSALEM — Reuven Merhav, formerly director general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry and a onetime Israeli consul general in Hong Kong, has been appointed director general of the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption.

Aliyah figures for July rose slightly, raising hope here that immigration from the former Soviet Union may be starting to pick-up again. In July, the rate of aliyah from ther former Soviet Union rose 25 percent from the previous month.

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Record number of draftees

TEL AVIV — The largest-ever induction of new recruits into the Israel Defence Force is now under way, due in part to the large number of draft-age immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

The Israel government does not disclose the number of soldiers serving in the IDF, nor the number of new inductees, for security reasons. But military sources note with satisfaction that the number of new recruits volunteering for crack assault units is also larger than usual.

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Trade pact may hurt

JERUSALEM — The free trade agreement reached between the United States, Mexico and Canada may have a dampening effect on Israeli exports to the United States as well as U.S. investment in Israel, government officials here fear.

"The agreement will mean stiffer competition for Israeli exports to the U.S., especially those that are based on cheap labor, such as textiles, clothing and shoes," noted Zohar Peri, director of the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Foreign Trade Administration.

Israel has had a free-trade agreement with the United States since 1985. Every similar agreement signed by the United States makes this agreement somewhat less powerful, Peri explained.

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Schools called racist

JERUSALEM — The continuing refusal of several school districts in northern Israel to allow Ethiopian immigrant children to register for the upcoming academic year drew charges of racism and threats of court proceedings by Education Minister Shulamit Aloni.

Schools in Haifa and three northern towns have reportedly resisted integration of Ethiopian immigrant pupils into the classrooms.

Aloni has ordered Education Ministry Director General Zvulun Orley to issue court injunctions against the five districts.

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Plenty of press

JERUSALEM — Israel has the 10th largest foreign press corps in the world with the main focus of the 270 news organizations represented here continuing to be the Arab-Israeli conflict to the exclusion of other aspects of the country's life and society.

Dr. Yoel Cohen found that the majority of news organizations are from North America and Western Europe. As of 1991, there were 182 news organizations represented here from Western European, 62 from North America, 10 from Asia, seven from Eastern Europe, six from Africa and three from South America.

In terms of countries represented, 32 countries had correspondents in Israel in 1991, the largest number of any country in the Middle East.

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Ya'acov replaces Aridor

JERUSALEM — Longtime Labor minister Gad Ya'acobi was officially named ambassador to the United Nations as part of a series of new appointments by the Foreign Ministry.

Ya'acobi replaces Yoram Aridor, a former Likud minister and MK and a political appointee of then-prime minister Yitzhak Shamir.

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Rabinovich to head talks

JERUSALEM — One of Israel's leading academic Arabists, Professor Itamar Rabinovich, will head its negotiating team in the peace talks with Syria.

He takes over from Yosef Ben-Aharon, former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's closest aide.

Rabinovich, 49, rector of Tel Aviv University, is a specialist in the modern history of the Middle East, with particular reference to Syria. He has been director of the Dayan Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Tel Aviv University.

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Jewish Life

By RABBI NATHAN KOPS

Living in a society where love has been replaced by hatred, where "songs of love" have been changed to songs of "kill the cop," living in a social environment where oceans of violence are raging, are there still islands of civilization that are based on the cardinal principle of "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself?"

Let me ask you a question: "Do you really love your neighbor as yourself?"

I believe when the great sage Rabbi Akiva remarked "To love thy neighbor as thyself is a cardinal principle in our Torah," he was suggesting that this is the summit in man's relationship to man.

Even though very few of us have achieved it, or can achieve it, nevertheless this cardinal principle must be our goal. But where is the base from which to soar? Here we must turn to the teachings of Hillel, who said "That which is hateful unto you, do not do to your fellow man." Notice that Hillel did not quote the obvious verse from the Torah which deals with love, because Hillel was suggesting a base for man's relationship with his fellow man. From this base, man can elevate himself gradually until he achieves the ultimate goal, that of truly loving his fellow man.

To appreciate Hillel's pithy and far-reaching remark, let us apply it to an everyday situation. As human beings, we tend to gossip — about our neighbors, our acquaintances, and even our friends. Let's apply Hillel's rule and ask ourselves: Do we like to be rolled on the wagging tongues of others? If it is hateful to us, then we must stop doing it to others.

The businessman who deals dishonestly (and some even gloat over the fact that they were successful in cheating others), should also apply Hillel's formula, and ask himself: Do I like to be cheated? Why should I mistreat others?

One can find countless examples and they all point in the same direction. Before doing harm to your fellow man, put yourself in his spot and ask yourself: If *you* were the target, how would you feel if the arrows of injustice were aimed at you?

Before we truly hope to reach genuine love for our fellow man, let's try Hillel's approach by first putting ourselves in the next fellow's place.

Judaism presents a philosophy that man is not an island unto himself, and for mankind to exist, there must be a constant exchange of deeds of kindness. Today we help, and tomorrow we are being helped. In fact, very often, while we are assisting someone, someone else is doing something for us.

A person has two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with. Since each individual has one strong and one weak hand, reciprocal kindness depends on which hand does the receiving and which does thre giving.

Deeds of kindness are not charity. They are more than that; they tower above charitable acts. Charity is for the poor, but deeds of kindnes are for rich and poor alike. Charity is monetary assistance, whereas deeds of kindness encompass assistance of any kind whatsoever. A helping hand, some good advice, a loan, a word of comfort, a sympathetic ear — these are some of the ways in which men fulfils deeds of kindness.

I sincerely believe that if we were to practise the teachings of Hillel — "That which is hateful unto you, do not do to your fellow man" — and, if we were to practise reciprocal deeds of kindness, then we would hope to reach the summit, which is "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Rabbi Nathan Kops is the rabbi of Chevra Shaas Adath Jeshurun Hadrath Kodesh Congregation in Montreal.

Red Cross laments over past

NEW YORK —

Red Cross inaction during the Holocaust represented its "greatest failure, one which still causes soul-searching in Geneva today," Red Cross officials state.

According to the World Jewish Congress, a 12-page article to appear in next month's *Red Cross/Red Crescent* magazine, the official journal of the international organization, concedes, "what little was achieved for Jews in German concentration camps seems insignificant compared to the scale of Hitler's Final Solution."

The magazine represents the international Red Cross movement which comprises three components: the Geneva based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); the individual national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; and the International Federation acting as the umbrella body for these national societies.

The magazine article, written by Rebecca Irvin, deputy head of communications at the ICRC, examines the activities of the Red Cross during World War II and identifies some of its successful operations, but notes the ICRC "was powerless to stop the systematic killing of gypsies, homosexuals, communists, pacifists and, most infamously of all, the six million Jews who perished in Nazi concentration camps."

"So why did the Red Cross, one of the oldest and most respected humanitarian organizations in the world fail to speak out publicly against the barbarity?" the article asks.

According to Irvin, "the Committee was convinced that a public appeal would achieve nothing. They also feared a denunciation would endanger, possibly end, its work with Allied prisoners of war in Germany."

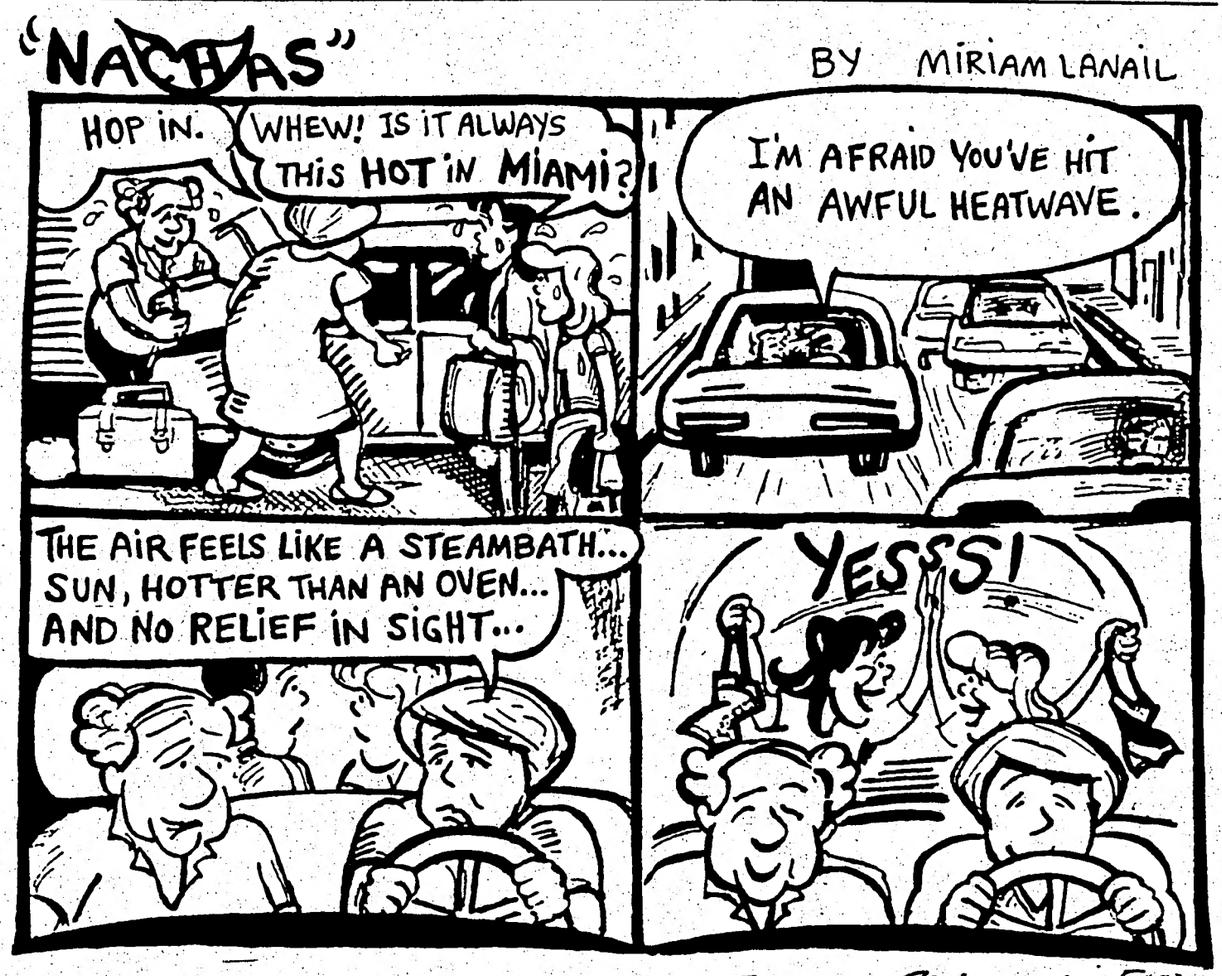
The current deputy director of the ICRC, Francois Bugnion, reproaches the Committee members for having "lacked firmness and conviction of their own moral strengths." Adding, "they were convinced of their impotence."

He noted, "From the autumn of 1942 onwards, it was clear that the ICRC had enough information to be aware of the genocide." The ICRC "should have issued a strong appeal to the very highest level of the Nazi government," Bugnion argued, as "the only way to prove that an appeal would have failed would have been to try."

After the war, Nazi criminals falsely made use of Red Cross travel documents to escpe capture. "Adolf Eichmann, Joseph Mengele and Klaus Barbie all escaped to South America using Red Cross documents," the article noted. "Clearly, the ICRC was deceived by these people who were fleeing justice under false identity papers obtained from local authorities. The ICRC would never have given them the travel documents if it had known their true identity."

The WJC said the Red Cross, while taking an honest look at its past, could, during this period of self-examination, right a present-day injustice — admit Israel's national society, Magen David Adom, into the Federation and Red Cross movement.

Principally, as a result of Arab pressure, the Israeli National Society has not been admitted into the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement out of refusal to recognize its red Star of David as a valid protective emblem.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Front Line

There's no rest for political machinery this August

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Ordinarily, politicians are vacationing in August. The international machinery in the Western Hemisphere is geared to rest and to resume its routine only in September. This is probably also the reason why all those who want to surprise others do unexpected things in August. History is full of such examples. The last are Saddam's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the attempted Russian "coup" of 1991.

This year, 1992, is not an ordinary year and this August is a working month. In the Middle East, developments are again sharply influenced by the fallout of the unfinished Gulf War and by its mixed after-effects on the uneasy Western-Arab alliance against Iraq. And as far as Israel is concerned, in addition to all this, it is affected also by the outcome of the elections and their regional and international repercussions.

Above the whole scene, complicated as it is, hovers the electoral campaign in the United States with its fluctuating requirements. Its reverberations are worldwide, but at the moment nowhere felt more than the Middle East. Not only were the peace talks moved from Rome to Washington, at specific American request, but their resumption was initially even meant to coincide with the Republican convention.

Will the Arab-Israeli issue provide the laurels so embarrassingly denied U.S. President George Bush by Saddam Hussein? This was, however, not the last round between Bush and Saddam.

It is essential to look at one's national problems and interests in conjunction with the wider background against which they unfold. This is the only policy that can work and this is what the new Israeli government is trying to do, convinced as it is, that the exclusively introspective vision of its predecessor had blurred the picture as well as the options, instead of clarifying them.

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This new attitude does not immediately alter the picture itself, but presents a variety of tactical possibilities, which the Shamir team had refrained from even probing. Properly handled, tactical options can eventually change the picture. It is, however too early for predictions.

It is a fact that the United States is treating Rabin's government in a gentler manner than Shamir's, though not unconditionally. Bearing in mind that Rabin has made no commitment on a total freeze of all the settlements, certainly not in the Jerusalem area, one should think that, given the requirements of the American campaign, some deal over the granting of loan guarantee could have been obtained by Shamir, too, on probably similar conditions. But Shamir showed no flexibility whatsoever and found a more-secure-than-now Bush in no mood to compromise at all. Rabin's different approach proves that common sense can make things easier for all concerned.

And this is also somewhat infectious: See how suddenly somewhat more realistically some Palestinian spokesmen react to the developments and how soon Egyptian President Mubarak, whose own problems with Islamic fundamentalists are serious enough to suggest caution vis a vis anything Israeli, thought it useful to invite Rabin to Cairo, after having so stubbornly boycotted Shamir throughout the latter's whole term. Yet, don't read too much into these gestures; they may well amount to little, but atmospherics do count in diplomacy as well. So to take note of the advantages of taking a broader view, of talking intelligently and of avoiding paralyzing rigidity.

Rabin claims to dislike even the term "peace-process" and decided to rename it. It's now nonstop "peacemaking," as far as he is concerned.

It is still too early to foresee the unfolding of events put in motion by the new government in Israel. Despite its refreshing tactics, it has no control of all the factors that could affect the process in course. Not only outside factors can upset any forecast. Internally, too, surprises are possible. It is not that easy to persuade public opinion at home that the new government has all the answers. It certainly does not, but tries to find some. Even if its overall performance will be surprisingly good, also then a major change of mood regarding the details of peacemaking will require time. Assuming that no major mistakes are made, one must still hope that in the Arab sector things will, at least, not worsen.

For things to unfold in a way compatible with Israel's legitimate — and not extravagant — expectations, it is not enough if the principal actors behave in the best possible manner. Let's say they do and things in the limited area of the conflict do not deteriorate. Who can tell what the periphery will look like? Think of Lebanon, of Hezbollah and Hamas, for instance. Baker made no progress in Damascus, where he tried to raise the Lebanese question, but it seems that as a result of Baker's efforts Rabin as well as Assad know better where each stands and this too could be helpful.

It must be stressed that the declared aim of the new government is to reach peace in security and to do so gradually. It does not pretend to be able to complete its task during its four-year mandate. To this extent its initiatives seem more predictable and their logic easier to follow than it was before. And this is, by the way, also the feeling in the outside world, which could make cooperation a little easier. This general impression is all that a good start can offer and not much more can be said about it.

Cuba's Jewish community beginning to grow

Little discussion about Bible

By MICHAEL S. ARNOLD

Moises Asis, vice president of Cuba's B'nai B'rith and the only Hebrew teacher in Havana, jokes about the hard times Cuba's Jewish community is experiencing along with the rest of the island's population.

"In Jerusalem there's more transport on Shabbat than in Havana on any day," he says with a sarcastic laugh.

Asis is one of nearly 1,000 Jews remaining in communist Cuba. Once a thriving community, most of Cuba's approximately 15,000 Jews fled to Miami soon after Fidel Castro took power in 1959 and nationalized their businesses and religious schools.

Now the Jewish community is growing again. Asis said that nearly 100 new members have joined the community since last October, when the Cuban government repealed laws barring religious believers from joining the Communist Party, earning advanced degrees in subjects such as political science and sociology and holding many high-level jobs.

"Until a little while ago, to be Jewish or any other religion was almost a sin," said Asis, a lawyer and hypnotherapist who works for the Ministry of Agriculture. "Those that have gotten to high positions are those that have distanced themselves from the community."

Since restrictions on believers were relaxed at the Fourth Communist Party Congress in October 1991, Asis said, many Jewish communists are seeking out their spiritual roots. "If the religious can enter the party, enter in power, it means that every other right is open to them," Asis said.

A foreshadowing of the regime's more relaxed attitude toward religious groups came in April 1991, when Cuba's Jews were allowed to celebrate Israel's Independence Day for the first time in more than 20 years. "Even Fidel Castro speaks of the Bible now," Asis said.

Few in the Jewish community speak of the Bible, however, primarily because few are familiar with their own culture. Asis, who teaches at the Patronato de la Casa community center, in one of Havana's four synagogues, has only 31 students for his classes in Hebrew and Judaism.

Adela Dworin, the community center's executive secretary, confirmed that many members of the community have lost touch with their heritage. "We have 2,000 books in Yiddish but no readers," she told a group of Canadian Jews visiting the centre's library.

According to Luis Sklars, president of Havana's B'nai B'rith, the roots of Cuba's Jewish community were laid 500 years ago when Sephardic Jews fleeing the Spanish Inquisition first came to the island. The community grew rapidly between 1920 and 1940 when waves of Jews, among them Sklars' parents, arrived in Cuba fleeing Eastern Europe.

"Most planned to go to the United States but it was difficult to get a visa. Most thought they would be here only a short time," Dworin explained.

She estimated that 90 percent of the Jews who remained in Cuba after the revolution have intermarried. In an officially atheist country, however, many of the non-Jewish spouses are curious to attend community festivals, Dworin said.

Dworin conducts an unofficial census of the Jewish community every Passover, when they must come to the community centre with their ration books to get supplies of kosher food. "We know there's about 1,000 gastronomic Jews" who come for wine and matzah sent from Canada and Mexico, she said.

A combination of such aid from abroad and ingenuity allows Havana's Jews to mitigate the material deprivations that hit them as hard as the rest of Cuban society. "Now there's a lack of bread, so we use matzah all year round," Dworin said.

Mexico also occasionally sends rabbis to Havana, where the community has no permanent religious leader. "It's difficult to get a rabbi to come from the exterior for Cuban pesos," Dworin said.

Both Dworin and Asis said there was almost no anti-Semitism in Cuba. When vandals threw rocks at the Patronato de la Casa community center after the Persian Gulf War began, the government promptly provided extra police protection. Yet the Jewish community sometimes feels uncomfortable in a country whose foreign relations are extremely anti-Israel.

Cuba broke off relations with Israel just prior to the 1973 Yom Kippur War and was the first country in the Americas to recognize the Palestinians as an independent nation in 1989. Castro's government has also provided training and support for Palestinian guerrillas and has close ties with Libya, Syria, Iran and Iraq.

Because every mention of Israel in the Cuban press is negative, "the image that there is about Israel is the image that there is in the U.S. about Albania," Asis said — that of a repressive police state. "The theme of Israel is taboo. Nobody knows anything about Israel," he added.

Asis is one of the few Cuban Jews to know Israel first-hand, having visited last winter at the invitation of the World Jewish Congress. He said that Cuba's vote against the repeal of the United Nations' "Zionism is racism" resolution last December may have decreased chances of a rapprochement between the two countries.

Asis also has visited the United States several times. Last winter he traveled around the country speaking on Havana's Jews while a guest of the University of Miami.

While he was shunned by many of Miami's Jews as a communist, he received a cool reception in more liberal areas of the country for criticizing the Cuban government. "The left," says Asis, "is very fanatic about Cuba. When one is outside one idealizes things."

Asis and the rest of Havana's Jewish community cannot afford that luxury. His immediate goal is "to survive, as a Cuban, not as a Jew ... in these so difficult times."

(Michael Arnold, a graduate student in journalism at the University of California, Berkeley, recently visited Cuba.)

At last, the first Jewish guide to book names

By ALLAN GOULD

Sometimes you can tell a lot about a country by the way it titles its books. You want a simple example? Several years ago, there was a Canadian book written by the fine journalist Judylaine Fine called *Your Guide To Coping With Back Pain.* When it was published in the United States, you can almost guess what it was called: *Conquering Back Pain.*

There's the difference in a nutshell, isn't it? Canadians cope; Americans conquer. No wonder we all want green cards!

This got me to thinking — a dangerous act for a humorist — about what would have happened to book titles through history, if Jews had been the writers, editors or publishers. (Of course, in the case of most important books over the past few thousand years, Jews *have* been the writers, editors and publishers. But let's not get too chauvinistic here, shall we?)

And so, without further ado, here is a list of major works of literary merit over the past 2,000 years, and how Jews may have changed the titles somewhat:

Plato's **Apology** *I'm Sorry, So Forgive Me, Already.*

Thucydides' **History of the Peloponnesian War** would become: *The Peloponnesian War and its Impact on the Greek Jews.*

St. Augustine's **Confessions:** *Al Chet and S'lach Lanu: Augustine Tells All!*

Gibbon's **The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire** would now be *Too Big for Their Britches.*

Spenser's **The Faerie Queene** becomes *The Sabbath Queen.*

Shakespeare's **Twelfth Night** is now *Hanukkah Lasts Eight Days;* **As You Like It** becomes *Try It, You'll Like It;* **King Lear** is changed to *The Old Man and His Chutzpadik Daughters;* **A Midsummer's Night's Dream** would become *Such A Dream I Had!*

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Goldsmith's **The Vicar of Wakefield:** *The Rebbe of Vitebsk.*

Austen's **Pride and Prejudice:** *Shanda and Charpa.*

Melville's **Billy Budd — Foretopman** would be changed to *Boris Budnetsky — Foreman.*

Dicken's **A Tale of Two Cities:** *Vilna and Warsaw.*

Carroll's **Alice in Wonderland:** *Sara in der Goldene Medina.*

Hugo's **Les Miserables** might become *The Schlemiels.*

Dostoevski's **The Brothers Karamazov:** *The Karamozov Mishpocha.*

Hardy's **The Return of the Native** might have been *Landsman Go Home.*

Hardy's **Jude the Obscure:** *Judah the Forblonget.*

Faulkner's **As I Lay Dying:** *Cooking for the Shiva.*

Hammett's **The Thin Man:** *Ess, Ess, Mein Kind!*

And, of course, who could argue *this* one: Roth's **Portnoy's Complaint** would probably be changed to *Callaghan's Complaint* or *O'Hara's Complaint* or *Macdonald's Complaint* — since *most* Jewish editors would not want the public to think that the protagonist of that particular novel was Jewish.

See what I mean? You can tell a lot about a culture, too, by the titles they give their books. But enough; I've got to get back to the fascinating religious text I've been reading: *The Four Books of Moses.* (It was on sale; I couldn't resist.)

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Heating up the Mideast

American President George Bush is currently considering the sale of 72 F-15 fighter planes to Saudi Arabia. The sale, reputed to be worth $5 billion, is being pushed both by Bush's political allies and defence industry supporters.

The latter have been arguing vociferously that unless the sale goes through, McDonnell Douglas, the builder of the plane, will have to shut down its production lines and let go thousnds of its employees.

Bush undoubtedly believes that the sale of these advanced fighters to Riyadh can be legitimized because of the recent agreement between Israel and the United States over loan guarantees. The White House has often used this symmetrical approach to the Middle East in the past.

There is, however, no symmetry and the American president's political calculus is wrong. The American experience in lavishing arms on Arab or Islamic regimes — to cite Iran and Iraq as examples — has been less than edifying. Recent revelations indicate, moreover, that the United States was sending lethal weapons and technology to Baghdad just five days before the invasion of Kuwait.

Saudi Arabia, of course, is not Iraq and King Fahd is not Saddam Hussein. Yet the American practice of inundating Saudi Arabia with a vast array of weapons and armaments has been shown to be wanting.

The generous American dispatch of jet fighters, AIWACS and other arms to Saudi Arabia turned out to be of negligible value when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and began to make hostile moves towards Riyadh. Despite its massive weaponry, Saudi Arabia required UN intervention to thwart the Iraqis.

The Middle East has been shunted to the periphery of world consciousness since Bosnia has become a major theatre of violence. Events in the former Yugoslavia, however, cannot obscure the steady build-up of armaments in the Arab "rejectionist" states.

Syria, Libya, Jordan and Iraq itself are racing to acquire a nuclear device while their acquistion of conventional weapons continues at a hectic pace. It is no secret at whom these weapons will be aimed.

As the Arab-Israel peace negotiations begin again in earnest in Washington, it is manifestly wrong for Bush to up the ante in the Middle East by sending advanced weaponry to one of the most unstable states in the region.

Democracy triumphs

Thanks to an important legal decision, the rule of law has been upheld in newly-democratic Russia. In a much-anticipated verdict, a district court in Moscow ruled that a newspaper published by that virulently anti-Semitic organization, Pamyat, had deliberately libelled a Russian Jewish immigrant living in Israel, Herman Branover.

The judgment calls on *Nash Sovremenyik* (Our Contemporaries) to publicly apologize to Branover and to retract false statements it made against him. What's more, the court awarded yet unannounced damages to Branover.

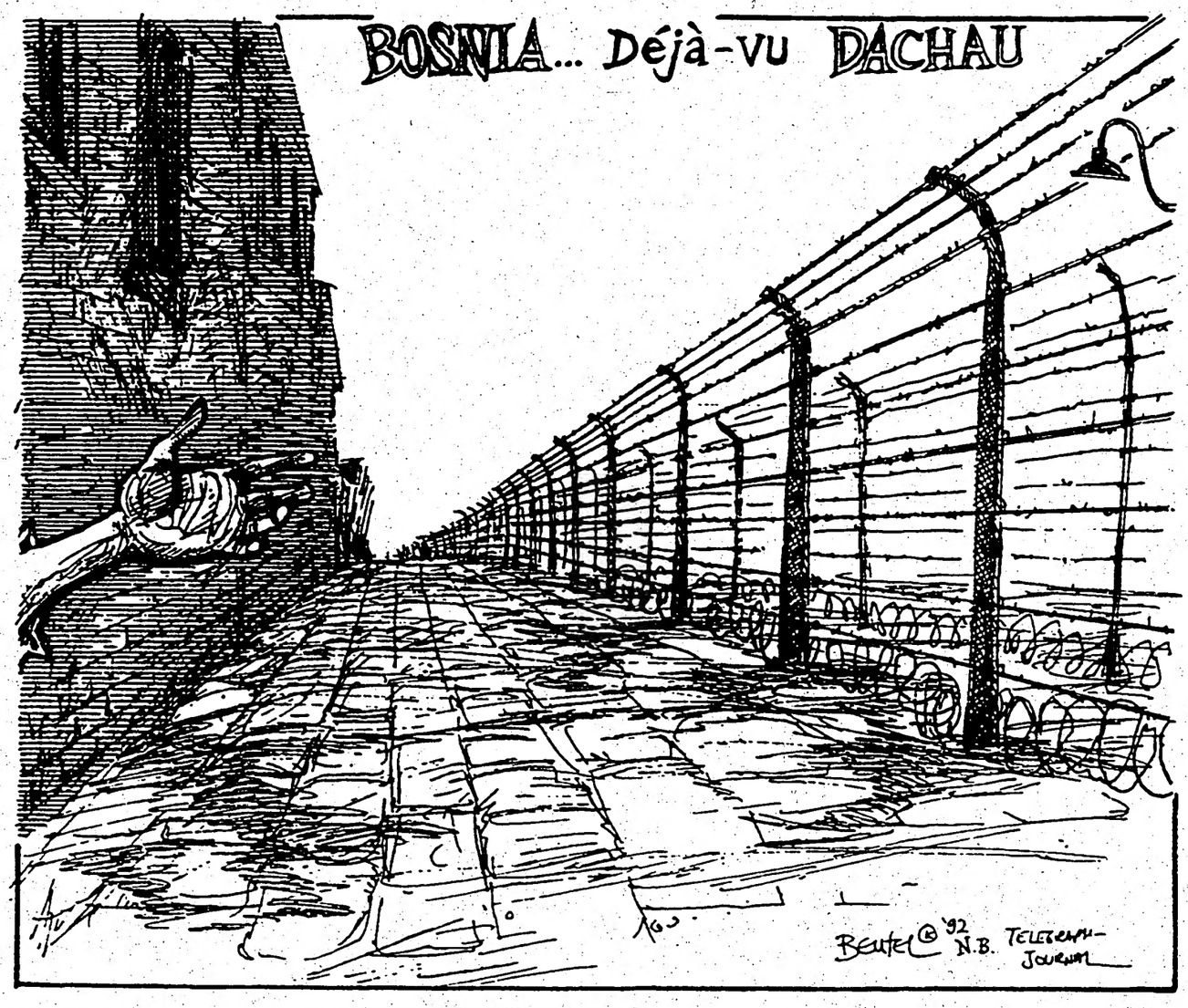
Branover is a distinguished physicist and scholar who immigrated to Israel in 1972. His talents as a scientist have been recognized by the Russian government. He was the first Israeli to be named an ex-offico member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. And in probable recognition of his work in finding jobs for new immigrants from the ex-Soviet Union, Russia has invited him to develop technological and economic exchange programs.

Such is the person who was libelled by *Nash Sovremenyik*. In a review of his autobiography, *The Return*, it falsely quoted him as writing that among the accomplishments of early communism was the killing of many non-Jews. In addition, it alleged that Branover had written that in Israel, a national hero is someone who kills the greatest number of non-Jews.

Branover acknowledges that he was initially reluctant to sue, but that he changed his mind after receiving a number of letters from Jews in Moscow urging him to take action. Branover did the right thing, of course. If he had let the matter die, Pamyat and its ilk would have been encouraged to unloose yet more noxious anti-Jewish fusillades.

By all accounts, the Russian government of President Boris Yeltsin seems interested in grappling with the reactionary forces of indigenous anti-Semitism. Russia's vice-president, Alexsandr Rutskoi, visited Israel last April, and in a meeting with Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz, apparently denounced Pamyat and other racist groups, and called for extreme measures against them because they "poison the atmosphere in Russian society." More recently, Russian state TV began broadcasting Abba Eban's superb series, *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews*, in an attempt to combat widespread ignorance about Jews, Judaism and Israel.

We applaud these moves. They are clear signals to the civilized world that public anti-Semitism will not be tolerated by the powers-that-be in Russia.



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THE UN-CANADIANS

I want to react to Bernard Baskin's review of *The Un-Canadians* in your edition of July 9. He quotes one of the persons victimized by Canadian McCarthyism as not regretting in the least his activity on the left because it gave him a "set of values" which were "humanistic, positive and critical. It carried on the Jewish tradition of social justice."

Perhaps. But if this individual was a supporter and apologist for the Communist Party, he was one of those who helped perpetuate a cruel and massive fraud upon the world in general, upon Canadians and particularly upon the Jewish people. By shutting his eyes to the wilful and organized maltreatment of millions of innocents, to the anti-humanism developed and practised by the U.S.S.R. he has made public his own complicity. Is the judicial killing of Peretz Markish and Shloime Mikhoels part of the "Jewish tradition of social justice?"

I am surprised, Rabbi Baaskin, by your choice of quotation.

Gershon Eisenstadt
Toronto

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GIVE ME A BREAK!

The screen epic of *Batman versus The Penguin* is an example of Christian versus Jewish stereotyping? Give me a break. The article by Rebecca Roiphe and Daniel Cooper (*CJN*, July 30) on that subject is a triumph of human ingenuity and imagination.

However, Columbia University will resume classes soon and Ms. Roiphe and Mr. Cooper will have less time on their hands to formulate this sort of balderdash. These people could probably discover an undeconstructed swastika in the Burning Bush.

Roy Piperberg
Montreal

P.S. I hope Batman marries Catwowan. When their daughter turns thirteen, she can have a bat mitzvah.

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SUCH RUBBISH

Re: the article entitled Batman Returns rooted in Judeo-Christian stereotypes (*CJN*, July 30).

I was appalled by what both Rebecca Roiphe and Daniel Cooper perceived was inherent in the film. I have never heard such rubbish! I am Jewish and I saw the film as a film about a fictional character and the conflicts he has to face. I must admit there were problems with the film, specifically it having no storyline and development of the characters, but that's a far distance from "Judeo-Christian stereotypes!"

Janis Goodman
Toronto

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KEEP MEN AT WORK

At its national convention, B'nai Brith Women of Canada passed a resolution proposing that men found guilty of assaulting their wives be sentenced to half-way houses, rather than jail terms, so they could work and sustain their families (CJN, Montreal edition, July 30). The following letter elaborates on the resolution.

B'nai Brith Women of Canada encourages a woman to react immediately with the first smack or swat, demanding that the man curtail his behavior and if he cannot control himself, to obtain therapy. The instant more than one fist falls, a woman is exhorted to call the police.

Justice, statistically, has not been done when violence against wives has been the charge, especially for first, non-life-threatening offenders, who are also "pillars of the community." It is to correct this situation that B'nai Brith Women of Canada drafted its resolution. These are men who must be exposed and stopped, illustrating to them that their behavior is condemned by society. Having the men remain at their jobs relieves a financial burden to society. The men's salaries would be garnished. The salaries would pay alimony and child support relieving the abused women of the pressure to find sustenance.

As always, we will have to rely on the courts to decide the punishment that fits the crime. The B'nai Brith Women of Canada resolution is an option for the government to inexpensively implement, and judges to use.

Gloria Levitt
President
Toronto

Evelyn Brook
Chairman, Social Violence Department
Montreal

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REFORM LAW ON GET

I have just read your front-page story of July 30 on the Haifa Rabbinical Court forcing a woman to sign a commitment to remain in Haifa for the rest of her life as a condition of being granted a religious divorce. This condition was imposed by the court at the request of the woman's husband. I quote from the story: "The rabbis warned me that unless I wanted to be left with nothing, I'd better sign . . ."

Never, ever have I been seized with a greater sense of outrage on the issue of religious divorce. What happened to this woman happened only because a woman is powerless under halachah to grant a religious divorce (get). This is a law that forces every Jewish woman in a marital breakdown to depend on the goodwill of an estranged spouse for her freedom with no strings attached. How realistic is that when two people are embroiled in a divorce?

How has it come to this that Jewish women, especially those of us who lead an observant life, stay mute in the face of the get law, a law that for me makes a mockery of any pretence of women's equality in Judaism?

It must be cold comfort to that woman in Haifa that Canadian lawmakers amended the federal Divorce Act to penalize spouses who won't give a get. Big deal. No matter how many governments are persuaded to bend civil divorce law to deal with the get abuse, the problem is a halachic one, from start to finish. Jewish women deserve better than this, not piecemeal solutions.

Halachah must be changed to recognize women as equal participants in the get process. One law, for Jewish women, everywhere.

Dorothy Lipovenko
Toronto

Opinion

Oy, the Einiklech, the Einiklech ...

By J. B. SALSBERG

Is there anyone among the tens of thousands of readers of this Anglo-Jewish publication that doesn't know the meaning of the word Einikle? Shame on you if you don't.

Why, Einikle, in mama-loshen, in Yiddish, means grandchild! The plural form is Einiklech.

Now that you think that you know the meaning of Einikle it hurts me to tell you that you most likely don't. How come? Because among the real Yiddish speakers, and especially so in the "Old Country" there was a special category of "Einiklech." They were the ever-widening circle of grandchildren of a Chassidic Rebbe, of a Chassidic dynasty, like Lubavitch, Ger etc.

In time, such dynastic Rabbinic entities became considerably large and extensive so that the cynics among us referred to the "Einiklech" with less than admiration.

Now, really, why do I smother you with such a long introduction? Perhaps I wanted to create an appropriate atmosphere for what is to follow.

What I really want to do is deal with genuine and highly respected Canadian "einiklech" who were recently the focus of the Canadian news media. So here we go.

The first "einikle" is Mordecai Richler, the grandson of the late meritorious and scholarly Rabbi Yidle Rosenberg; formerly a Rabbi in Warsaw, Poland, and later of Toronto and later of Montreal, Canada.

One winter, in my early youth, I spent the evenings in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glass, Rabbi Rosenberg's daughter and son-in-law on William street (now St. Patrick); where the rabbi's assistant taught me and their grandson the introduction to Talmudic studies.

J.B. Salsberg

That's why I have a special interest in Mordecai Richler, one of Canada's prominent authors, grandson of the late Rabbi Yidle Rosenberg and social critic of the Canadian scene.

Richler is now in hot water in some literary and political circles because of his accusation of certain French Canadians of an anti-Jewish bias.

I will not, at this moment, judge Richler's conclusions of this issue. We may turn to it at a later date. But, I confess, I was pleased with his engagement with that problem. I rooted for Richler in my own, my private mind and view.

However, what I really want to ask Richler, the einikle, why he chooses to remain outside of the Quebec and broader Canadian Jewish scene. Why can't the grandson of Rabbi Y. Rosenberg, author of some significant works, join the rest of us, Canadian Jews, on specific issues and public campaigns. I would gladly join him in such endeavors. OK, Mordecai? Let's show them what a real Einikle can do.

Now to another Canadian "Einikle." This one is a lady. In my eyes a very beautiful lady with an intellectual capacity that is typical of her ancestral lineage.

Her name is Barbara Amiel and in my view she can, and often does, cut circles around most of our Canadian journalists and essayists. Her Jewish "yiches" (pedigree) is, one might say, "pure gold."

Our Barbara's lineage is directly connected with that of the "Ramu" of Krakov, Poland.

RAMU, the Hebrew initials of Rabeinu Moshe Isseris, who was the unchallenged and revered head of Jewish religious life in Krakov. It was and is the unchallenged dictum that in any dispute of Jewish thought and practice between the Ramu and other rabbinic authorities, those of the RAMU shall prevail.

Well, to make a long and fascinating story shorter, Barbara Amiel's family name is Isserlis, she is of that famous lineage. (I know a brilliant Israeli lawyer, by the name of Isserlis, who looks like a twin with Barbara Amiel.) He visited his Amiel cousins in Canada a few years ago and I spoke with him on the phone at that time.

Anyway, it's time to wind up this endless story. So:

Our Barbara Amiel, brilliant Canadian journalist, once left-leaning commentator and now right-leaning commentator; scion of the famous RAMU lineage (an Einikle) has, only recently ago, married Mr. Conrad Black, a non-Jew, one of Canada's richest men, head of an international newspaper empire, in a civil ceremony in a London court.

Nu, as they say: Zol zein mazel . . .

But, my dear Barbara Amiel, does Conrad, your husband, appreciate the "Yiches," "the nobility of your ancestral lineage?

Here is a bit of advice, as my wedding gift to you, Barbara. If your husband should ever act in an uppity fashion towards you, remember Disraeli.

British history books tell us that on one occasion, when pestered by an opposition backbencher who repeatedly shouted, "Jew, Jew" at the Prime Minister, whose parents had converted to Christianity, replied: 'When my forefathers were High Priests in the holy temple of Jerusalem, your grandfathers were running naked in the forests of Europe."

And since all good things must end we wish to end with an expression of sincere greetings to Barbara Amiel, an einikle, on her marriage to Conrad Black and say to Barbara: never forget the RAMU!

Commentary taking second look at Israel

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

There was a time when *Commentary* was the most prestigious magazine in North America. Although it was published by the American Jewish Committee and had a significant amount of Jewish content, it also employed some of the most incisive analysts in political, economic and social matters. The late President John F. Kennedy was said to study each issue of *Commentary* assiduously.

Whether it was because of such notable common acceptance, or for whatever other reasons, *Commentary* began to reduce its Jewish content and concentrated on "general subjects."

It was at this point that I and many others like me began to lose interest in the magazine. As long as it was proudly and unabashedly Jewish and in that capacity made its contribution to the general weal it had my support. Also, along with its diminution of Jewish material it turned sharply to the right and joined the forces of neoconservatism.

That was alright and legitimate, but its articles and comments became too predictable. In that respect it was like the magazine at the other end of the political scale, *Tikun*, whose left-wing orientation dominated its content and, for me at least, lost any spark of surprise.

Rabbi Plaut

Lately *Commentary* has begun to regain some of its former lustre and I am happy to say has increased its Jewish coverage.

Thus, it has now introduced a new department called "Israel Watch," which monitors the way in which the media handle issues concerning Israel. The July issue concentrates on PBS, the Public Broadcasting Service in the United States, which indubitably brings us some of the very best TV programming.

However, after reviewing the past history of PBS's Israel coverage, going back to the unlamented *Days of Rage*, Israel Watch shows how programs concerning Israel are badly skewed. They are made by people who are, to a significant part, agents of or participants in Arab organizations. The results are saddening and sometimes staggering. Here are some of the "facts" brought to us by the recent PBS documentary *Perspectives on Peace*.

Israel is portrayed as an artificial creation of European Jews, callaborating with the British against native Arabs. No mention made of the millenia-long ties of the Jews with the land.

No mention of the fact that Jordan was created in 1921 by the British who carved away 70 percent of the territory allotted to the Jewish homeland.

No mention is made, in a discussion of Hebron, that the 1929 Arab massacre wiped out the Jewish community.

No reference is made to the concerted Arab-British campaign to prevent Jews who were fleeing Nazi Europe from entering Palestine — an action which cost untold lives.

In fact, the Holocaust is never mentioned. Nor is there a single act of terror perpetrated by the Arab states, the PLO, Hamas, or any group, against the Jews. The 1967 War is depicted as Israeli aggression, without noting the context in which the war occurred. Needless to say, no mention is made of Syria's occupation and take-over of Lebanon.

Commentary concludes its analysis as follows: "It is alarming and disgraceful that the Public Broadcasting Service, which has repeatedly lent its prestige to the prevention of a skewed vision of Middle Eastern reality, in violation of its own written statutes mandating objectivity and balance on controversial subjects, could still be endorsing, promoting, and disseminating such contaminated stuff."

Germany takes renewed interest in Jews

By
BELINDA COOPER

In Berlin, Jews are very much in style. Since January, it had become almost impossible to read a magazine, turn on the television or even ride public transportation without confronting an advertisement for a Jewish exhibit, an interview with a Jewish figure or an article about Jewish life. Though the sudden flood of information seems a bit odd to a Jew after years of relative disinterest, it is symptomatic of fundamental changes among both Germans and Jews in Berlin.

The focus of it all is an enormous exhibit called Patterns of Jewish Life that opened on Jan. 12, the 50th anniversary of the Wannsee conference that sealed the fate of the European Jews. The exhibit, which closed at the end of April, was a labyrinth of rooms, each documenting Jewish life in a particular region, historical period or thematic area.

The visitor wandered for hours through halls depicting different styles of synagogues and religious practices, life in Turkey, Yemen, Vilna or the U.S.A., antiquity, the Middle Ages and the 20th century; a central section called "The Word" concentrates on Jewish contributions to literature.

A movie theatre attached to the museum shows dozens of rare and more familiar films, from prewar Yiddish tearjerkers to Andrzej Wajda epics.

A unique feature of the exhibit for Germany was the major role played by Jews in its planning. Patterns of Jewish Life was the brainchild of Andreas Nechama, a Berlin Jew whose mother survived the war hidden by a German family and whose father is cantor at Berlin's main synagogue. Six years ago, Nechama and his colleagues began collecting material from Jewish collections around the world with a clear goal in mind: to consider common German stereotypes about Jews, in particular the concept of a unified "world Jewry."

"We wanted to get away from images shaped by Nazi propaganda like the Jewish 'nebbich' in a caftan and sidecurls, and to show the variety of Jewish ways of life," says Nechama. The exhibit more than met this goal; the amount of information provided was overwhelming, the variety astonishing.

Accompanying the exhibit, which attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors — among them thousands of schoolchildren — were a multiple of events not confined to museum grounds: lectures, discussions, city tours, concerts of Jewish music, plays by Israeli theatre groups, a vast array of offerings throughout the city. Though the exhibit and these related events did not ignore the Holocaust, their main theme was not death, but vitality. "No more exhibits on the Holocaust were necessary; we've had enough of those," says Nechama.

Indeed, until recently Germans seemed less concerned with Jews themselves than with the mechanism of their extermination. While young Germans growing up in the 60s and 70s confronted their parents' Nazi past in an often agonizing soul-searching, "the victims didn't interest them," says Nechama,

As a postwar generation of German Jews comes of age, the picture is changing. "We are in positions now where people listen to us," says Nechama. He and other Jews his age, rejecting their parents' timidity, have begun to speak up from within the establishment, forcing Germans to deal with Jews as a living reality rather than a footnote in history.

This new assertiveness has not only challenged German stereotypes, but also ripped apart the facade of Jewish unity.

At a forum at the beginning of March, a largely-Jewish audience accused Nechama and his colleagues of ignoring variously, poor Jews, the prewar Orthodox community in Berlin, Jewish suffering and the Holocaust, women, social problems, and the Palestinians.

The organizers valiantly defended their efforts, pointing out that the numerous cultural and educational offerings connected with the exhibit specifically aimed to fill such inevitable gaps. Non-Jewish observers at the forum expressed amazement that, after years of apparent unity, Jews were again arguing in public.

The re-emergence of pluralism among Berlin's Jews coincides with the changes in Eastern Europe. A massive influx of Russian Jewish immigrants into Berlin has swelled the Jewish community from 6,000 to an estimated 9,000 in only a few years. These "Russians," as they are called, provide a membership base for new organizations and institutions, while the opening of East Berlin has created the necessary space and initiative to accomodate them.

As a result, especially in the two years since the fall of the Wall, the unexpected has happened: Jewish life is making a visible comeback. Berlin now boasts a Jewish school in the process of expansion, several Jewish restaurants and cafes, especially in eastern Berlin, Jewish stores, a Jewish bookstore and a secular Jewish Cultural Organization founded by a small but feisty group of East German Jews.

Also in eastern Berlin, the newly-established Orthodox Adass Yisroel community claims to continue a religious tradition that existed in Berlin until its destruction by the Nazis. The community's founder, Mario Offenberg, succeeded in gaining financial backing and reclaiming former Adass Yisroel property from the East German government before unification.

This flurry of activity does not mean that memory of the Holocaust has faded in Berlin among either Jews or Germans. This is evidenced by two other exhibits that opened at the same time as Patterns of Jewish Life.

One documents the tragic history of the Jüdischer Kulturbund, an association formed during the Nazi period to provide jobs for German Jewish artists, actors and musicians after they were forbidden to perform with or for "Aryans."

The Kulturbund, which began as a courageous form of Jewish self-assertion, was later co-opted by the Nazis and used as propaganda. Those members who did not succeed in emigrating died in the concentration camps.

And a permanent exhibit in the Wannsee Villa, the idyllic location of the infamous conference, documents in moving words and pictures the horrible story of the Holocaust. A media and resource centre annexed to the exhibit offers a wide selection of films, books and documents on the subject.

But Patterns of Jewish Life reflects a new tendency among Germany's Jews — a tendency to look to the future rather than the past and to take an active, visible part as Jews in German life. For Germans, this may take some getting used to; a cynical remark often heard in Jewish circles has it that Germans prefer to memorialize dead Jews than to deal with live ones.

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Features

Rafael Eitan — the soldier and the man

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

One of the surprises of the June 23rd Israeli election was the Tsomet party's success in increasing its representation in the Knesset from two to eight seats. Credit for its ascendancy must be given to its taciturn leader, Rafael (Raful) Eitan, a former chief of staff whose reputation for integrity so far has not been sullied by the compromises of politics.

More will be heard from Eitan in the future, despite the fact that he and the new prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, were unable to agree on terms for him to join the cabinet. Yet in spite of his prominence on the Israeli political scene, Eitan keeps a relatively low profile, and comparatively little is known of him in the Diaspora. So who is Rafael Eitan? Read his autobiography, *A Soldier's Story* (Shapolsky Publishers), and you will have a much better idea.

A Soldier's Story is an intensely personal account of someone who describes himself as "a simple man of great discipline." He writes of his boyhood and of his military exploits. He casts a critical eye on some of his comrades-in-arms. He sets forth his far-right views.

The scion of Ukrainian Jewish farmers, Eitan was born on Tel Adashim, a moshav in the Jezreel Valley. His parents were poor. There was no electricity or running water. He wore hand-me-downs. He walked to school barefoot. Yet he maintains he had a happy childhood.

Eitan writes admiringly of his father. "He taught me self-control, courage and resourcefulness." He showed Eitan the value of hard work, and imparted to him a love for the Land of Israel.

The "most difficult" period of his life was immediately after the Six Day War, when he commanded Israeli forces in the Jordan Valley. Eitan was responsible for preventing Palestinian guerrilla incursions. The task consumed him. "There was tension 24 hours a day." He hardly saw his family.

Later, as chief paratrooper, Eitan led retaliatory raids into neighboring countries, mainly Egypt. In the early 1970s, he was sent on a mission to Iraq to ascertain how Israel could assist the Kurdish rebellion there. He obviously savored his experiences with the Kurds.

In 1972, Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar-Lev tried to end Eitan's budding career. Eitan doesn't explain why Bar-Lev asked for his resignation, but nonchalantly says he ignored his order after consulting with Deputy Chief of Staff Ezer Weizman.

Eitan devotes an entire chapter to the Yom Kippur War, in which he distinguished himself. He says he foresaw Syria's attack on the Golan Heights. Eitan convinced his superiors to lay thousands of mines along the frontier lines, and increased the battle-readiness of his battalion. Eitan leaves the implicit impression that, were it not for these preparations, Syria might have won a victory on the Golan Heights.

Still, Israel was hard-pressed to repel the Syrians. Eitan vowed he would not leave the Golan until "the last Syrian soldier had been driven back." While praising the courage of his men, Eitan writes of the "confusion" in Israeli ranks. He comes down hard on the Israeli commander on the Golan, who, he claims, cracked under the strain. And he lambasts David Elazar, the chief of staff, for not having visited the Golan while the initial battles raged.

But Eitan saves his greatest scorn for the legendary Moshe Dayan, the defence minister. Dayan, he writes, failed to correctly interpret intelligence data of an imminent Arab offensive, and thus Israel was "greatly unprepared" for Egypt's and Syria's onslaught. What's more, he adds, Dayan did not bother visiting the Golan until the seventh day of the war, when the crisis had already passed.

According to Eitan, Dayan "was not a leader who threw himself into the thick of battle or strove to set a personal example of bravery." He "used" his relationship with David Ben-Gurion for advancement. He leaned on his legend. "I personally despised the man, and... he felt the same way toward me."

In *A Soldier's Story*, Eitan's hawkishness comes through clearly. He opposed the 1974 disengagement accord with the Syrians, under which Israel returned a portion of the Golan to Syria. The political echelon, he charges, "betrayed the soldiers." He believes Israel should have advanced beyond the Litani River, captured Tyre and destroyed the PLO's infrastructure during its 1978 mini invasion of Lebanon. Had it done so, he claims, the 1982 Lebanon War would have been unnecessary.

After Menachem Begin appointed him chief of staff, Eitan urged the prime minister to reject U.S. pressure for a ceasefire with the PLO in Lebanon. "We had them on the verge of collapse," Eitan writes in reference to Israel's military gains with respect to the PLO.

Not surprisingly, Eitan is convinced that the Lebanon War was "absolutely inevitable." As he puts it: "...if we did not strike a death blow to the PLO now, we might be forced to fight a full-fledged war against the combined forces of the terrorists and Arab states..."

Eitan debunks suggestions that he intended to move beyond the 40 kilometre mark in Lebanon, or that he deliberately drew Syria into the fray. He claims that the war achieved many of its objectives, but this is nothing more than a self-serving exaggeration.

Eitan's deep mistrust of the Arabs is readily apparent.

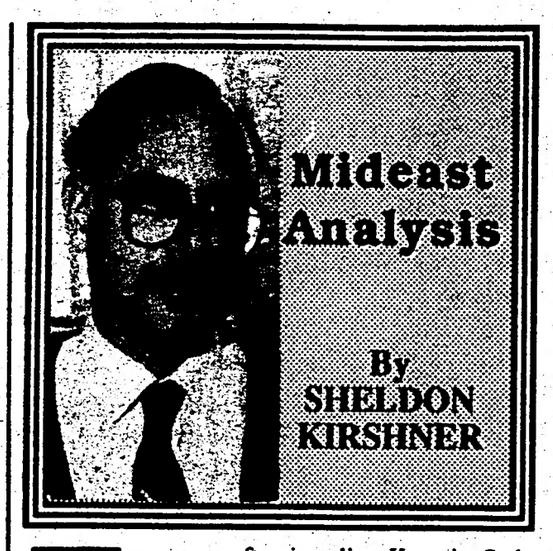
He did not mourn Anwar Sadat's 1981 assassination. All Arab leaders, he writes, desire to snuff out Israel's existence. "They differ only on the tactical measures..."

Israeli concessions, he goes on to say, only stiffen the Arabs' resolve to defeat the Jewish state. The Arabs will accept Israel's presence only "if they conclude that they have no military option against us and that they cannot destroy us." But later on, he writes that Arab states "do not want, nor do they need, peace with Israel... In truth, the Arabs wish to destroy Israel." Furthermore, he contends, Israeli Arabs are dedicated to Israel's destruction.

Israel, Eitan declares, should maintain its grip on the territories and expand its settlements. "The only solution is for us to remain strong and determined." Israel should not consider the land-for-peace formula, which, he claims, was invented by Adolf Hitler in the late 1930s with reference to Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Eitan is not in favor of "transferring" Arabs, but voices regret that, in 1967, Israel "did not encourage" the Palestinians in the territories "to join their families in Jordan and Saudi Arabia."

Rafael (Raful) Eitan as chief of staff (IPPA photo).



Saddam rides high

Two years after invading Kuwait, Saddam Hussein is riding high and defying United Nations ceasefire resolutions.

Widely expected to be overthrown after going down to ignominious defeat in the 1991 Gulf War, Saddam and his circle of relatives and associates remain tightly in control of Iraq.

There is discontent, to be sure. As a result of skyrocketing prices caused by the UN economic embargo still in effect, the ordinary Iraqi can barely make ends meet. Malnutrition seems to be rampant and essential medical supplies are relatively scarce.

Nevertheless, Saddam's grip on Iraq is strong and seemingly undiminished. Last month, he ruthlessly crushed a coup, summarily executing its ring leaders. Saddam has also executed "profiteers," merchants who've overcharged consumers.

With a show of bravado, Saddam presents himself as a bulwark against chaos and anarchy and the only true Arab nationalist, while attacking the kings and emirs of the region as American lackeys.

Contrary to all forecasts and expectations, Iraq has quickly recovered from the shock of the war, and rebuilt many shattered buildings, bridges, power plants and factories.

In yet another display of resiliancy and resourcefulness, Iraq has repaired much of its oil producing, exporting and refining capability. It can now export 1.3 to 1.6 million barrels of oil per day, compared to 3.3 million before the war. However, due to the UN embargo, Iraqi oil exports are forbidden, except under strict conditions.

Iraq remains in violation of UN resolutions, notably with respect to weapons, human rights, reparations and boundaries.

Iraq is obliged to provide an inventory of all weapons of destruction and permit their inspection and elimination. UN inspectors have destroyed a number of weapon sites, principally the Al Atheer nuclear complex, and Iraq has grudgingly released information about arms programs. But in a cat-and-mouse game with the UN, Saddam has repeatedly lied about and concealed weapons (particularly Scud ballistic missiles), and barred UN personnel from entering buildings suspected of harboring vital data.

Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the UN committee charged with scrapping Iraq's weapons of destruction, has accused Baghdad of withholding "full co-operation."

In the immediate aftermath of the war, Iraq squelched revolts in the north by Kurds and in the south by Shi'ites. The UN demanded an end to the repression. For a while, especially after the establishment of a UN security zone in Kurdistan, Iraq complied. But of late, Saddam's army has restricted the flow of food and fuel into the Kurdish enclave and, through a campaign of intimidation and terrorism, has tried to drive UN relief workers out of there.

What's more, Iraq has renewed its battle against the Shi'ites, and flouted U.S. warnings by using fixed-wing aircraft to bomb rebel positions.

Iraq has been given the opportunity to sell $1.6 (U.S.) billion worth of oil every six months to pay for food and pharmaceuticals, the salaries of UN weapons inspectors and a compensation fund for war victims. But due to disagreements, Iraq has not carried out this resolution.

A UN boundary demarcation commission has established Iraq's border with Kuwait. Iraq not only rejects its recommendations, but stubbornly clings to its claim that Kuwait is its 19th province.

Saddam's survivability, as well as his defiance of UN resolutions, has embarrassed the United States, which spearheaded Operation Desert Storm, the military phase of the campaign to evict Iraq from Kuwait.

U.S. President George Bush, who may now regret he did not finish off Saddam when he could have in the late winter of 1991, has declared he will not relax the embargo against Iraq until Saddam has been ousted. Bush is openly supporting Iraqi forces opposed to Saddam's Ba'athist regime and propping up neighborhing Arab countries which seek his downfall. But Saddam is firmly entrenched in the saddle.

Ground shifts after Rabin's victory

By CYNTHIA MANN

The landscape of the organized American Jewish community may be shifting in the wake of Yitzhak Rabin's overwhelming victory in Israel. But it is too soon to tell exactly how all the players and organizations will shake out.

Americans for Peace Now, once considered marginal for its outspoken dovish views, has applied for membership in the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the mainstream umbrella group that confers automatic legitimacy in the organized Jewish world.

At the same time, charges have surfaced in the Israeli press that Tom Dine, executive director of AIPAC, the powerful pro-Israel lobby, and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents, were being targeted by the new Rabin government because of their overzealous identification with former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Still, most leaders of Jewish groups see the ground shifting only slightly. No one is predicting seismic shakeups.

These leaders say it is a misunderstanding and a demeaning of organized American Jewry to assume there will be a wholesale change in leadership and operation because of a change in Israeli government and policies.

But they do acknowledge that people and groups with longstanding personal and political ties to the Labor party will have increased access to and influence at the centres of Israeli power. And those who were part of the Shamir government's inner circle may find themselves closer to the fringe.

They also predict Rabin's relationship with the United States will be closer and more comfortable than that of his predecessor.

"The Rabin election validates our position and views," said Peter Edelman, president of Americans for Peace Now, explaining his group's application to the Conference of Presidents. "We feel we could be comfortable in any mainstream organization because our views are mainstream."

Meanwhile, AIPAC and the Conference, both of which maintained extremely close ties to the Shamir government, are expected to adjust their rhetoric to reflect the new Israeli government and its policies, and to continue doing business more or less as usual.

Most Jewish leaders have rallied to the defence of the directors of those organizations. They say the rumors about the precariousness of their positions are just that.

Yossi Beilin, new deputy foreign minister, was moved by the imbroglio to write a letter to Hoenlein denying he had a "negative attitude" toward him and Dine.

"There is absolutely no basis in reality whatsoever for claims that [such] changes will take place," said Robert Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress. "It's a mistake to believe the organized community is on a leash and that change there will result in a chance here."

Lifton noted that AICongress had been out of favor with the Shamir government for its pro-peace positions, but said it is unclear what the changes mean for the organization's fortunes.

The talk about changes at the top of AIPAC and the Conference is "nonsense," said Tom Smerling, director of the moderate left-wing Project Nishma. "Israelis don't understand these aren't political patronage jobs."

Smerling acknowledged, however, that the Israeli government has a natural ability to "withhold access and confer legitimacy." Nishma, which has close associations with politicians who are part of the new government, may be a beneficiary.

Community Calendar

DATE	TIME/PLACE	EVENT	ORGANIZATION
AUGUST/92			
TUESDAY 18	5 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rm. 421		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SUNDAY 23	6:30 p.m., Inn On The Park, Central Ballroom		BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
MONDAY 24	10 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rm. 420		BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION
TUESDAY 25	7 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 420, 421		JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION, PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL
THURSDAY 27	6 p.m., SkyDome, Press Box		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, CANVASSERS
SUNDAY 30	8 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SEPTEMBER			
TUESDAY 1	7:30 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rm. 423		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
WEDNESDAY 2	8 p.m., *To be announced*		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, SYNAGOGUES
THURSDAY 3	12 noon, home of Pennny Offman		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, WOMEN'S DIVISION
FRIDAY 4	5 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue		JEWISH RUSSIAN COMMUNITY
SATURDAY 5	5 p.m., *To be determined*		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SUNDAY 6	Gananoque, Ont.		B'NAI BRITH WOMEN OF CANADA
MONDAY 7	*To be announced*, Beth Tikvah Synagogue		BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE
TUESDAY 8	*To be announced*		FEDERATION, MUSIC SOCIETY
WEDNESDAY 9	*To be announced*		OHR SOMAYACH
THURSDAY 10	10 a.m., Atkinson Ave. at Rosedale		ASSOCIATED HEBREW DAY SCHOOLS
FRIDAY 11	6:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue		EMUNAH WOMEN OF CANADA
SATURDAY 12	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue		CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
SUNDAY 13	5 p.m., Sheraton Centre Hotel		BANK LEUMI (CANADA)
MONDAY 14	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rm. 419/420		FEDERATION EXECUTIVE
TUESDAY 15	7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue		JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
WEDNESDAY 16	6:45 p.m., Baycrest Centre		BAYCREST CENTRE/METRO TORONTO LODGE B'NAI BRITH
THURSDAY 17	7 p.m., Elgin Theatre		ISRAEL BONDS, CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT DIV.
FRIDAY 18	8 p.m., *To be announced*		JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION, SHALOM TORONTO
SATURDAY 19	9:15 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue		ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION
SUNDAY 20	10 a.m., Deerhurst Resort Huntsville		TECHNION SOCIETY
MONDAY 21	11 a.m., *To be announced*		NA'AMAT TORONTO
TUESDAY 22	1 p.m., home of Dorothy Black		DYSAUTONOMIA FOUNDATION INC.
WEDNESDAY 23	2 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue		BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
THURSDAY 24	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 419, 420, 421		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
FRIDAY 25	8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue		UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
SATURDAY 26	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SUNDAY 27	6 p.m., Beth Emeth Synagogue, Main Ballroom		ISRAEL BONDS & BETH EMETH SYNAGOGUE
MONDAY 28	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
TUESDAY 29	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
WEDNESDAY 30	9 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
OCTOBER			
THURSDAY 1	7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue		REENA FOUNDATION
FRIDAY 2	8 p.m., Arcadian Court		ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
SATURDAY 3	10:30 a.m., Inn On The Park		UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL OF CANADA
SUNDAY 4	2 p.m., Earl Bales Park		CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM
MONDAY 5	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.		FEDERATION, HUMAN RESOURCES
TUESDAY 6	9 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
WEDNESDAY 7	9 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
THURSDAY 8	7:30 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue		UJA/JWF
FRIDAY 9	Poland & Israel		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SATURDAY 10	9 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SUNDAY 11	10 a.m., International Centre		NA'AMAT TORONTO
MONDAY 12	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
TUESDAY 13	6:30 p.m., Inn On The Park		ONTARIO MEN'S ORT
WEDNESDAY 14	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
THURSDAY 15			UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
FRIDAY 16	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 419, 420		FEDERATION EXECUTIVE
SATURDAY 17	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SUNDAY 18	8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue		BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD
MONDAY 19	8 p.m., Private home		WEIZMANN WOMEN FOR SCIENCE
TUESDAY 20	9 a.m., Automotive Bldg., CNE		TORONTO HADASSAH-WIZO
WEDNESDAY 21	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
THURSDAY 22	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
FRIDAY 23	Clanton Park Synagogue, Banquet Hall		CLANTON PARK SYNAGOGUE
NOVEMBER			
SUNDAY 1	10 a.m., Richmond Hill Banquet & Conference Centre		B'NAI BRITH WOMEN OF CANADA
MONDAY 2	2 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue		ADATH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD
TUESDAY 3	5:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue		ISRAEL BONDS
WEDNESDAY 4	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue		CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC.
THURSDAY 5	6 p.m., Beth Jacob V'Anshe Dritz		KOLLEL ESH DAT
FRIDAY 6	8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre		JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
SATURDAY 7	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.		FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES
SUNDAY 8	8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple		FEDERATION, HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE
MONDAY 9	9 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
TUESDAY 10	9 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
WEDNESDAY 11	10 a.m., Lawrence Square		EMUNAH WOMEN OF CANADA
THURSDAY 12	6:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue		SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD
FRIDAY 13	9 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SATURDAY 14	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SUNDAY 15	8 p.m., St. Lawrence Centre, J. Mallat Theatre		CANADA-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION
MONDAY 16	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
TUESDAY 17	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 419, 420		FEDERATION EXECUTIVE
WEDNESDAY 18	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
THURSDAY 19	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
FRIDAY 20	8 p.m., Private home		WEIZMANN WOMEN FOR SCIENCE
SATURDAY 21	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SUNDAY 22	5:30 p.m., Sheraton Centre		JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

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DECEMBER			
TUESDAY 1	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre		COMMON GROUND
WEDNESDAY 2	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.		FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES
THURSDAY 3	9:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre		JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
FRIDAY 4	10 a.m., *To be announced*		CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
SATURDAY 5	10:30 a.m., Leah Posluns Theatre		BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
SUNDAY 6	1 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rm. 421		FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES
MONDAY 7	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
TUESDAY 8	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
WEDNESDAY 9	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
THURSDAY 10	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
FRIDAY 11	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th Floor		UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
JAN			
SUNDAY 3	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.		FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES
MONDAY 4	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue		CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC.
FEB			
THURSDAY 4	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.		FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES
FRIDAY 5	All day, Baycrest Terrace		JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION
MARCH			
MONDAY 1	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue		CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC.
TUESDAY 2	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.		FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES
WEDNESDAY 3	Baycrest Centre		BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
THURSDAY 4	8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue		BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
FRIDAY 5	Baycrest Centre		BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
APRIL			
SUNDAY 12	2 p.m., Queen's Park - Convocation Hall		CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM
MONDAY 13	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.		FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES
TUESDAY 14	*Time and place to be announced*		CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION
WEDNESDAY 15	10 a.m., JCC North Branch		CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION
THURSDAY 16	6:30 p.m., *To be announced*		ISRAEL BONDS, WOMEN'S DIVISION
FRIDAY 17	*To be announced*, Baycrest Geriatric Centre		BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
MAY			
MONDAY 11	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue		CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC.
TUESDAY 12	*Time & place to be announced*		FEDERATION, HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 13	Montreal		CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION
THURSDAY 14	New Theatre		BAYCREST CENTRE
FRIDAY 15	Private home		WEIZMANN WOMEN FOR SCIENCE
SUNDAY 17	6:30 p.m., Sheraton Hotel		CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
JUNE			
TUESDAY 2	6 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue Banquet Hall		BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
WEDNESDAY 3	8 p.m., Roy Thomson Hall		ONTARIO MEN'S ORT
THURSDAY 4	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre		

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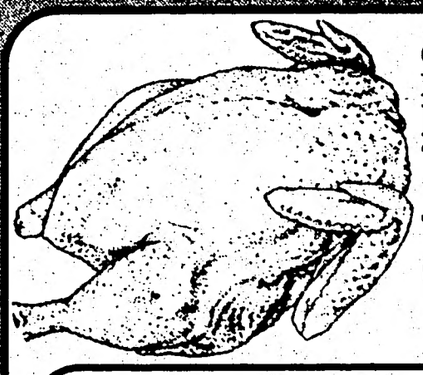

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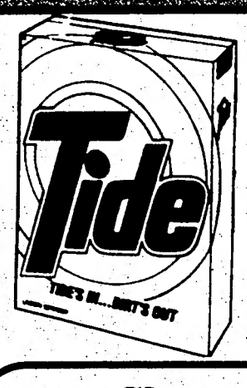

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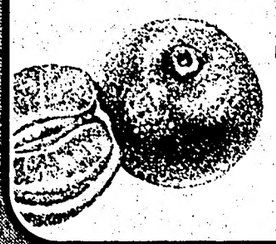

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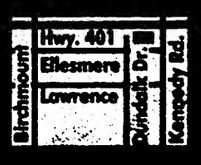

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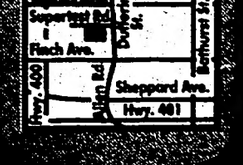

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Fish market helping Israel

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

This is a fish story that will help many Israelis.

Bella Gubanov, who with her husband Gershon owns and operates Gershon's Fish Market at 3019 Bathurst St., just south of Lawrence Ave., wanted to help some worthy cause in Israel in a special way.

Born in the former Soviet Union, the Gubanovs came to Canada in 1976 and opened their kosher fish market two years ago.

Along with sending money to a variety of Israeli charities, says Bella, she wanted to help "a special project" and at the same time, she wanted to involve her customers in the project.

She says she spoke to a number of customers and decided that she would work for the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot "because few people have heard of the hospital which needs a great deal of help."

Bella made two observations: people were becoming more and more aware of nutrition and including fish in their diet more frequently, and numerous customers were asking her for recipes when they purchased their fish.

So she began handing out fish recipes. She decided to combine her desire to help the Kaplan Hospital with her growing file of fish recipes and nutritional information. She created a fish recipe and information book and has earmarked all of the proceeds from the sale of the book to the Kaplan Hospital.

Recipes tested by Bella

Bella explains that she personally prepared, edited, and paid for the printing of *Today's Dish is Fish: 100 Delicious Fish Recipes.* The recipes in this 64-page book, which also include numerous types of recipes for fish from around the world along with low-calorie recipes, sauces, basic herbs and spices; batters for frying and even mayonnaises, have all been tested by Bella.

She has also taken some non-kosher fish recipes and adapted them to the laws of kashrut.

Bella says that since the recipe book was published a few months ago, there has been a very good response. She adds that she published the book, which she is selling for $5.50 each, "not only for my customers but for anyone in the community."

The Kaplan Hospital, established in 1950, is affiliated with the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Jerusalem, and the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot. The hospital has 540 beds and serves the 300,000 residents of Rehovot, Ashdod, Nes-Ziona, Kiryat Malachi, Yavne and the smaller towns, villages, moshavim and kibbutzim in the region.

The hospital has a full-time staff of 1,100, of whom 250 are doctors. All the medical disciplines are represented with the exception of brain and chest surgery.

"Kaplan Hospital's impressive record and high standards will be maintained only with the generous assistance of organizations and private persons in Israel and abroad," notes Bella.

For further information on the fundraising fish recipe book, call Bella Gubanov at (416) 782-6056. For information on the Kaplan Hospital, call Zehava (416) 665-8030 or Irene (416) 787-0571.

Cultural identity stressed by ethnics

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Integrating into Canadian society and retaining one's own identity are dual concerns for immigrants to Canada. Whether they are from Israel, China, the former Soviet Union, South Africa or elsewhere, they share common experiences and concerns.

Speakers representing the four above-named parts of the world discussed Ethnic Integration into Canadian Society — Is It Happening? at a recent public affairs forum at the Bernard Betel Centre moderated by Lou Goldenberg, chairman of its public affairs forum committee.

"There's nothing wrong with [a Chinese immigrant] wanting to live in Chinatown," said Amy Go, national president, Chinese Canadians' Council. "I see myself in every sense of the word as a Canadian."

To Go, integration does not mean assimilation. "We should all be able to retain our cultural identity," she told the capacity audience. "It's important for us to retain our cultural values and religious beliefs. It's also important to participate as much as we can [in Canadian society] in a barrier-free way. Unfortunately there are many barriers imposed upon us, such as language and culture.

"We as immigrants have to speak up. Many times in the Chinese community when we've 'made it,' we tend to forget about the struggles. It's important to remember, and to try to change things so it will be easier for others."

In that spirit, the Toronto Association of Israelis in Canada was formed in 1990 to reach out to the local Israeli community, partly to familiarize them with resources available to them in the Jewish community. The association works in close contact with the Jewish Community Centre and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Israelis make up about 25 percent of the Jewish population in Metro Toronto, said the association's vice-chairman Avi Bogler. They represent a broad spectrum of professions and interests.

Israelis face many of the same difficulties as other immigrants, said Bogler: culture shock and language barriers, for example. Bogler, a businessman who spent seven years in the United States before immigrating to Toronto in 1982, has integrated into the community partly by making Canadian friends and joining a synagogue. He mentioned that joining a synagogue is a novel idea to some Israelis. "In Israel there's a synagogue on every corner, and you don't really belong to one."

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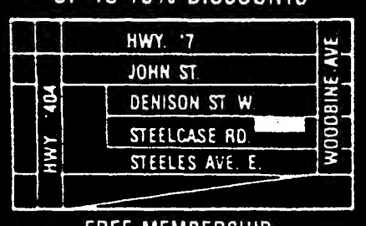

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, August 20, is deadline for Sept. 3 issue, and Thursday, August 27, is deadline for Sept. 10 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays *only* to receive your calls and sort my mail. Hope to hear from you. The number is 422-2331.

Sunday, August 23

CONTEMPORARY CHAMBER MUSIC

A free concert of contemporary chamber music will be presented at the Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. (south of Queen, east of Woodbine), at 3 p.m. Seven recent music school graduates will perform on woodwind and brass instruments, presenting works by **Serebrier, Premru, Nelhybel** and **Bozza**.

For more information, call 694-7942.

Monday, August 24

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents There's a New Baby in Your Life, the second in a series of four monthly meetings. Discussions will focus on childbirth options, getting breastfeeding started, and the family's relationship to the breastfed baby. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

The time is 8 p.m. at 55 Rosedale Heights, Thornhill. For further information, phone **Joyce** at 881-8779 or **Robin** at 886-8364 or **Karen** at 221-7002 or **Risa** at 738-8870.

Wednesday, August 26

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Overbrook Cultural Club is screening the ever-popular video film *Fiddler on the Roof* starring **Chaim Topol** as Tevye at 2 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl. Refreshments following.

Admission is free for members, $1 for non-members. For further information, call **Millie Herzog** at 221-7207.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The To Life Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave., at 8 p.m. This is the only chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous in Toronto which meets in a synagogue or a Jewish organization. For more information, call **Rabbi Steven Cohen** at 229-2600.

Thursday, August 27

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Donway Place, a retirement residence located at 8 The Donway East, is hosting a variety of stimulating lectures with free admission for the community and its residents. At 2:30 p.m. **Felicia Carmelly**, psychologist and expert in human relations issues, will discuss Laughter is the Best Medicine.

For further details, contact **Marlene White** at 445-7555. Early reservations are requested as seating is limited.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERIES

The summer international relations lecture series with **Morton Manilla**, sponsored by Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence, continues with Democracy and Autocracy in Yeltsin's Russia. The time is 2 p.m. at 645 Castlefield Ave.

Admission is free but space is limited and early reservations are requested. Call **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

Come experience a weekend of learning and fun at B'nai Brith Women of Canada's annual Jewish Experience Weekend Sept. 11-13. Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds from across Canada will explore the theme Jewish and Female: Choices and Challenges in Our Lives Today. *Lilith* magazine editor **Susan Weidman Schneider** will be scholar-in-residence.

The weekend will take place at Carriage House Motor Inn in Gananoque. Registration is $175 members, $225 non-members. Registration is limited. For more information, call BBW/C at (416) 630-9313 or (514) 487-2330.

GREAT GIFT GIVING

The Body Book is now available at a pre-holiday special price of only $3, GST included. This delightful, entertaining book about different parts of the body is geared to 3 to 8-year-olds and the child in you. Written in humorous poetry with colorful and inoffensive illustrations, it provides a simplistic but basic understanding of the body parts.

The book has been well-received by the Metropolitan Children's Aid Society, social workers, school boards, day care centres and nurseries.

Proceeds from its sale benefit the Pediatric Department at Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem. Order today from the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, 3089 Bathurst St., Suite 205, Toronto, M6A 2A4, telephone (416) 781-3584, or toll-free 1-800-387-3595. There will be a small charge for mailing.

SHOPPERS DRUG MART MARATHON

The 1992 Shoppers Drug Mart Toronto Marathon (42.2km), which also includes a choice of Novapharm 10km Run, Metroland Honda Corporate Relay (4 X 6km), Canada Trust Wheelchair Marathon (42.2km) and Student Relay for United Way (4 X 6km) takes place Sunday, Oct. 4. It starts in front of the Royal Ontario Museum and finishes at Varsity Stadium.

Entry forms are availabe at the Ontario Track and Field Association, all Shoppers Drug Mart stores in Ontario, at 200 selected Canada Trust branches, 21 Metroland Honda Dealers and eight National Sports Centres. A portion of each runner's entry fee will be donated to the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation's substance abuse program.

SHABBAT PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue announce two exciting new Shabbat programs.

Torah Kids, for children up to the age of 6, offers a weekly Parashah, Jewish games, play groups, lots of toys and snacks. It runs 10 a.m. to noon.

The Youth Minyan, targeted for children 7 years and older, is a participatory program involving all children in a youth service and weekly Parashah. It takes place 10:45-11:30 a.m.

If you would like to participate or donate any new or slightly used toys, contact **Laurie Teperman** at 489-9513 or **Rachel Bahar** at 789-3950.

URGENT NEED

Jewish Family & Child Service has an urgent and immediate need for volunteers to visit Jewish patients at Toronto, North York Branson and Sunnybrook Hospitals. If you have two hours a week, JF & CS will provide training, support, and a chance to do a mitzvah. Call **Toby Maskowitz**, co-ordinator of Chaplaincy Services for JF & CS at 638-7800, ext. 287.

CANADIAN STUDENTS AT HEBREW U

Michael Litvack, academic affairs co-ordinator of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, reports a 60 percent increase in the number of Canadian students enrolled in the 1992/93 programs of the university's Rothberg School for Overseas Students (to 78 compared to 48 in 1991/92). The number of Canadian students enrolled in the university's 1992 summer courses has jumped by 70 percent (to 46 compared to 30 last year).

Litvack attributes the steep rise in qualified applicants to renewed interest in the study of Israel following the Gulf War plus the recruitment of new students by Canadian alumni of the Hebrew U.

ARTISTS TAKE NOTE

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch is accepting applications from artists wishing to display their works of art at the facility. Please submit your request by August 25. All works will be reviewed by a selection committee. For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

JF & CS FALL WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following fall workshops — Widows/Widowers Group (coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and looking ahead, beginning August); Surviving Separation and Divorce (living alone, dealing with feelings, separating from the past and looking ahead, beginning August 20); Losing a Parent as an Adult (by exploring and understanding the grief process, participants will move to acceptance, beginning October); One Marriage-Two Religions (for engaged/married couples from different religions).

For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800.

BOWLING LEAGUES

Openings exist for Wednesday evening ladies league starting at 9:15 p.m. For information, call **Mrs. Garten** at 221-9328.

Singles Set 50 plus — If you can "spare" the time to "strike" up acquaintances and make new friends, you will be "bowled" over by this fun-filled league and socials. Bowling begins Monday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Bowlerama, Bathurst and Glencairn. Join in on the opening barbecue Sunday, August 23. For further information, call **Lottie** at 787-6638 or **Lenore** at 499-3306.

Couples League (ages 25-40) gets together every second Saturday evening for 10-pin bowling. This is an opportunity to meet new friends. There is also a banquet and trophy. Call **Steve** at 737-9790.

TILES IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

The Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto announces the final opportunity for survivors, family members and others in the community to dedicate a tile in memory of a loved one. Inscribed tiles will line the walls of the Hall of Memories of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, located in the Lipa Green Building. Yiddish and Hebrew lettering is also available.

Requests for tiles should be made before Sept. 1. A tax-deductible contribution will be appreciated. Call **Pnina Spetgang**, Holocaust remembrance committee director, at 635-2883, ext. 153, for more information. Cheques are payable to the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 519, Willowdale, M2R 3V2.

ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

The Academy for Lifelong Learning, a program of the School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto, provides daytime workshops for adults Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, covering a wide range of subjects. These two-hour workshops take place weekly or bi-weekly at Victoria University on Charles Street W. A comprehensive fee entitles a participant to sign up for a maximum of three workshops. A university degree is not a pre-requisite.

The new semester starts Sept. 22 ending Dec. 10 and the second semester runs Jan. 19-April 15. Registration day is Monday, August 31, from 2-5 p.m. in the board room, 4th floor, School of Continuing Studies, 158 St. George St. For information, call 978-7756.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Senior Adult Department offers programs in ballroom dance, mah jong, folkdance, painting, Hebrew, choir, drama, lectures, current events, Oneg Shabbat programs, monthly luncheons, card games and trips. Programs in beginners and intermediate bridge, line dancing, knitting and crochet, tai chi and yoga, are in co-operation with North York Board of Continuing Education and free to seniors. Fall programs begin the week of Sept. 14. For information, contact **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

Rooftop 92 — the rooftop tradition continues at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Come and join an evening of dancing and socializing at the rooftop party Thursday, August 20, from 7-11 p.m. Attendance is limited to 150 people. The cost is $12. There will be a door prize. For information, call 924-6211.

Registration for fall classes at the Bloor Y begins Sunday, August 23. Pick up your course guide.

for seniors

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Wellness Education Group is presenting Sole Survivors — Feet Smart, Wednesday, August 26, from 1-3 p.m. with lecturer **Cheryl Komonich**, pedorthic technician, Foot Care Centre, Women's College Hospital. A foot care display will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register by August 25 at the Wagman Centre office, 789-5131, ext. 2267. Admission is free to Wagman Centre members and Baycrest Terrace residents, and $2 for guests (to be paid at the door). Pianist **Natalya Tyomkina** will perform Tues-

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AMBULANCE DEDICATED

A dedication ceremony, arranged by Magen David Adom, took place recently in Kiryat Motzkin, Israel, honoring Torontonian Harry Kushnir for his donation of a fully equipped ambulance in memory of his wife Alice, parents Rose and Benjamin Kushnir, son Leon, and brother and sister-in-law Avrom and Fania of Kinyat Motzkin. Kushnir (centre, wearing white hat and dark glasses) is seen surrounded by Israeli relatives along with his son and daughter-in-law David and Faye Kushnir of Toronto (second and third from right) and Magen David Adom hostess Helene (far right). Also in attendance was the mayor of Kiryat Motzkin who noted that members of the Kushnir family were founders of the city.

GALA BENEFIT

Seen at the recent Gala Benefit Evening, organized by Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary and sponsored by Shoppers Drug Mart, are (from left) Bonnie Gottlieb, vice-president, Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary; Myron Gottlieb; Fran Binder, president, Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary; and Herb Binder. A preview of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Elgin Theatre was followed by a candlelight supper, dancing and a 'dreamcoat silent auction' at the Royal Ontario Museum. All proceeds were applied to the Auxiliary's $5 million pledge to establish a world-class Diagnostic Imaging Centre for the hospital.

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CHAIR DEDICATED

The Conrad M. Black Chair in Ancient and Medieval History was dedicated recently at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Accepting the dedication scroll in place of Black, who was unable to attend, was Edward Bronfman (left). Hebrew University president Prof. Yoram Ben-Porath is shown presenting the scroll to Bronfman. Black is chairman of Hollinger Inc., the company which owns *The Jerusalem Post*. Incumbent of the chair is Prof. Amnon Linder, former dean of the Faculty of Humanities.

JRC EVENING

Judy and Leslie Dan recently hosted an evening to promote support for the Jewish Russian Community Centre's (JRC) Sept. 9 event, The Happiest Day of the Year, when 10 Jewish Russian couples previously married only by civil law will be married according to Jewish tradition. For more information about the wedding gala, contact Lena Shore at 665-9600. All proceeds from the event will go towards vital JRC programs and services.

GOLF TOURNEY

TV sports personality Mark Hebscher (left) accepts a token of appreciation for his support at the second annual Shaare Zedek Medical Centre Golf Tournamnt from committee member Kelly Silverstein. Proceeds of the event are being used to puchase equipment for the Pediatric Cardio-Thoracic Surgery Unit at the hospital in Jerusalem. The tournament was sponsored by the Toronto Associates Group of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. For information on future events, call 781-3584.

day, August 25, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the assembly room.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club invites Israelis to a summer party Saturday, August 29, at 9 p.m. at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. There will be music with **Boris Neiman** and refreshments. Tickets are $5 members, $7 non-members and will be available at the door.

Travel Club has some interesting events coming up — Sept. 1, a representative from Blue Cross will speak on major changes at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Library, 578 Finch Ave. W. (at Bathurst); Oct. 4, day trip to Muskoka; Oct. 10, three days in Akron, Ohio, with two dinner theatres plus meals and sightseeing; Nov. 17, two-week trip to Israel with daily breakfast and dinner plus three days in Rome, breakfast and touring. Call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has arranged a trip to Fenelon Falls Thursday, August 27. A 90-minute video by **Victor Borge** will be shown Monday, August 31, at 1 p.m. A super Israeli trip is planned for March 1-22. Ongoing activities will continue. For information on trips and programs, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include: dance at the clubhouse Saturday, August 22, from 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); dance with live band at Earl Bales Community Centre Sunday, August 30, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. ($3 members, $4 non-members); Buffalo shopping trip for members only Tuesday, Sept. 8 ($20); annual bazaar Sunday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (donations of clean used clothing and household items needed); local day trips for members only ($5). For information, call club office at 636-7856.

LZA Seniors Club has planned a day outing to the 30,000 Islands Monday, August 24. Boat leaves from Midland and the cost includes buffet lunch (for further details, call 630-9444). Discussion Group meets Tuesday mornings at 10 and the Dance Group gets together Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Registration for the Miami trips is held Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Sunrise Seniors 50 Plus invites you to enjoy fun-filled day-away tours: Wednesday, Sept. 2, Stage West with buffet and live play; Thursday, Sept. 10, guided tour of Kawarthas, Curve Lake, Peterborough with buffet; Monday, Sept. 14, Buffalo shopping tour; Wednesday, Sept. 23, fall color tour, Niagara, lunch at Oban Inn; Thursday, Oct. 15, lively oompapa day at Kitchener Octoberfest with singing, dancing, buffet. Details of the winter holiday in Florida coming shortly. All tours include surprise extras. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

George Brown College Seniors' Association is offering intermediate bridge lessons (10 sessions for $40) Fridays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13 from 9:45-11:45 a.m. Also, there are several other daytime courses as well as lecture series of interest to seniors. For details, call the Seniors' Programs office at 944-4526.

Thursday is seniors day at **North York Community House**, 3101 Bathurst St., with fitness classes 10-11 a.m. (in co-operation with North York Parks and Recreation); current event discussions 11 a.m. to noon (in co-operation with North York Board of Education); and lectures, bingo, bridge, other games 1-3 p.m. For information, call 784-0920.

Sunrise Group is offering a super-saver Florida trip Nov. 16-29 with luxury bus, deluxe Blue Cross, visits to Pennsylvania, Virginia, Orlando, Universal, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Disney Studios, Epcot, Disneyworld, Winter Park Cypress Garden and more. Cost in Canadian funds is $795 double, $750 triple, $695 quad and $1,095 single. Call **Esther** at 932-2534.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A 5-session Yiddish lecture program, lectures by four Yiddish authors, with **Etti Rubenstein** begins Tuesday, August 25, from 10 a.m. to noon. Members free, non-members $5 for five sessions. Sign up at the information desk. For more information, call **Norma** at 225-2112.

Come See With Me, armchair travel tours with slides, commentary and music, will visit the Middle East, Greece, Kenya, Alaska in four sessions with **Edie Vaughan** on Tuesdays, August 25, Sept. 1, 8 and 15 from 1-3 p.m. No charge for members, $1 charge for non-members. Sign up at the information desk. Call **Norma** at above number for information.

Beginners Hebrew with **Sula Barr** runs Monday mornings from 10 to noon until Sept. 14. Members free, non-members $5. Sign up at information desk. Call **Norma** at above number for information.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and living alone, meets at the centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. On August 20, **Irv Murick** will sing and play his guitar. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural group for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. A sing-along with **Hana D.** is planned for August 25. For more information, call **Anna** at 225-2112.

The movie *Singing in the Rain* will be screened Sunday, August 23, at 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

A dance with music by the Creative Band is set for Sunday, August 23, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Charge is $3.50 members, $4 non-members.

A musical afternoon will be provided by **Marina Coranovsky** Wednesday, August 26, at 1:30 p.m. Charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

About People

AIKENS AWARD WINNER

Mount Sinai Hospital rheumatologist **Dr. Jerry Tenenbaum** received one of the highest honors available for teaching at the undergraduate level when he was awarded the W.T. Aikens Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the category of Individual Teaching Performance. Dr. Tenenbaum teaches medical students from the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Dr. Jerry Tenenbaum

The award, nsamed in honor of the first dean of the U of T Medical School, has three categories: Course Development and Coordination, Individual Teaching Performance, and Development and Use of Instructional Media. Recipients are nominated by students and faculty members. The winners are selected by the teaching awards sub-committee of the undergraduate medical curriculum committee.

Dr. Tenenbaum is the associate dean of Continued Medical Education and associate professor, Department of Medicine for U of T. He is a past recipient of a 1988, 1991 and 1992 Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Staff Teaching Award.

USDS PRINCIPAL

Doreen Levine has been appointed principal of the Bathurst campus of United Synagogue Day School. Mrs. Levine has extensive experience in many educational fields including guidance and secondary education.

The USDS Bathurst campus meets at Beth Tzedec Synagogue and consists of full primary, elementary and senior division programs with 450 students and 45 staff members.

PERFECT STUDENT

Earl Haig Secondary School graduate **Ilan Kelman** completed his final year with a perfect average — 100 percent. And in addition to compiling perfect marks in seven subjects and 11 Ontario Academic Credits (OACs) overall, Kelman participated in the school newspaper, the Reach for the Top team, the debating society, the lighting crew for student productions, and the music council. He also plays the flute and counts amateur photography as an additional hobby.

Matthew Kerbel, also from Earl Haig, tied for second highest marks with **Jeffrey Weissberger** from William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute. Both students finished with 99.3 percent average.

RACE WALKER EXTRAORDINAIRE

World champion race walker extraordinaire **Max Gould**, 75, recently competed in Regina, Sask., at the Canadian Masters Championships setting a new Canadian record in the 5 km and 20 km race walks held on two consecutive days, winning a gold medal in each race.

DAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

The Association of Jewish Day School Administrators, at a recent meeting, brought in the new slate of officers for the 1992/93 and 1993/94 school year. Pictured above (from left) are Alan Steinfeld, Netivot Hatorah Day School, incoming vice-president; Arthur Tannenbaum, Associated Hebrew Day School, past president, who conducted the 'Changing of the Guard' ceremony; Sonia Shron, Bialik Hebrew Day School, incoming president; Linda Friedman, Leo Baeck Day School, immediate past president, who was presented with a plaque in recognition of her dedication throughout the years; Mordechai Herskovitz, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, immediate past vice-president; Bernard Shoub, Board of Jewish Education, secretary/treasurer; and Aaron Nussbaum, United Synagogue Day School, past president.

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Organizations and People

Beth Sholom gets new rabbi

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
The newest member of Toronto's rabbinic community has taken over the pulpit at Beth Sholom Syngaogue.

Rabbi Irvin Brandwein assumed his duties last Shabbat. He replaces Rabbi Louis Schechter, who is headed to the Lodzer Centre Congregation after just three years at Beth Sholom.

Rabbi Brandwein, 39, comes to Toronto from Anaheim, Cal., where he served at Temple Beth Emeth since 1986.

Prior to that, he held pulpits at several U.S. congregations in Brooklyn N.Y., Jacksonville, Fla., and New York City, where he served at the Conservative Synagogue of Fifth Avenue during Passover, 1980.

Rabbi Brandwein told *The CJN* last week that he agreed to come to Toronto because the city "is famous for being well-organized, cohesive and for its flourishing Jewish community. It immediately captured my imagination."

Rabbi Irvin Brandwein

Rabbi Brandwein is descended from 14 generations of chassidic rabbis, orgininating in Galicia.

Born in Charleston, S.C., Rabbi Brandwein attended Tel Aviv University and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Miami. He received smicha (rabbinic ordination) and a Master's degree in 1981 from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, where he also served as an intern in pastoral psychiatry.

Rabbi Brandwein brings his own philosophy to the 1,100-family member shul on Eglinton Avenue.

"I honestly believe the purpose of a synagogue is not to honor God. The heavens and works of nature honor God. We can't compete with mountains and deserts. The purpose of a synagogue is to honor every Jew, regardless of his or her station in life. Everyone has stature and worth in synagogue."

Rabbi Brandwein promises he'll do some "creative things" with adult education at Beth Sholom and will look toward expanding the three-day-a-week afternoon classes for the 70 children now in attendance.

Rabbi Brandwein is married to Marta Brandwein, a recent emigree from the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, who will continue her university studies in Toronto.

Teaching lab named for student

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
A new teaching laboratory at the Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Occupational Therapy has been named in memory of Lisa Cohen, a young Winnipegger who passed away suddenly in Israel in 1989 just after completing her first year in the program. The announcement of the dedication was made on the occasion of her classmates' graduation exercises in May.

During the graduation ceremonies, Cohen was remembered by her fellow students in words and music. She was remembered for her creativity, sensitivity, dynamism and love of music.

Bob Lapidus, executive director of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's Winnipeg office, was recently in Israel and visited the new laboratory which was made possible by a fund established by Cohen's parents, David and Maurene, through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

Lapidus reports that the two-room laboratory is being used in teaching occupational therapy students diagnostic methods and giving them practice in assessments.

United Way head re-elected

TORONTO —
Alan Dessau, a 54-year-old accountant, has been re-elected president of York Region United Way for a second one-year term.

There are several challenges facing York Region, Dessau told *The CJN*.

For one, the area is sprawling and because it is perceived as a group of bedroom communities, it receives less than its fair share of provincial government monies for social services, explained Dessau, who is active in the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Temple Har Zion.

Last year, York Region raised $2.3 million for the United Way. The region gets 10 percent of all new money raised by the United Way in the Greater Toronto Area.

Several Jewish agencies are the recipients of United Way dollars, including Baycrest, Jewish Family & Child Service, the Jewish Camp Council and Jewish Vocational Service.

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Russian Jewish couples to exchange vows in religious ceremony

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Everyone loves a simcha. But imagine participating in 10 simchas at the same time.

On Sept. 9, 10 Jewish Russian couples who were married in the former U.S.S.R. in a civil ceremony and who were not allowed to be married according to Jewish law, will exchange their vows at the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto at 613 Clark Ave. in Thornhill.

The guests at the outdoor ceremony will include their children and family members, friends, government representatives and members of the Jewish community who want to participate in this event. The entire Jewish community is invited to the chupahs (wedding ceremonies) at 5:30 p.m. and to a festive reception at 10:30 p.m.

The 10 couples have chosen to participate in the mitzvah of chupah, kiddushin, and to go through with the learning and preparations for the religious ceremony through their involvement with the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto (JRC).

The multi-wedding project called The Happiest Day of the Year is one of many programs initiated by Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, the founder rabbi/executive director of the JRC.

In his office in the Russian Community Centre, located at 18 Rockford Rd. in Willowdale, Rabbi Zaltzman explains that the weddings are part of an ongoing educational program for Russian families, many of whom came to Canada with little or no knowledge of Judaism.

"Many of the men had never had a ritual circumcision and few men or women knew the laws or rituals of Judaism," says the rabbi. "They take classes on the basis of a Jewish home prior to the wedding day."

To fund the many services of the JRC, which includes an active synagogue, Hebrew school, publication of a newspaper, bar and bat mitzvah, marriage, senior and youth programs — just to name a few — a variety of ways has been created for the community to contribute to the centre.

For the gala weddings, there are creative categories such as A Bubbie and Zaide of the Happiest Day of the Year. A donation of $18,000, which gives the donors the privilege of escorting a couple to the chupah, the presentation of a commemorative plaque, attendance at a celebration dinner, photos and the front cover and full page in a wedding album.

There are numerous other categories including Sheva Brachot Reciter at $3,600, Chupah Supporter at $360 or a wedding guest at $180. Each of nine categories provides a special participation in the event.

The volunteer committee for the weddings includes chairman Helen Green, Zina Chapley, Judy Dan, Mendel Green (Helen's husband), Joyce Green (no relation) and Zale Newman. Lena Shore is the co-ordinator of The Happiest Day of the Year.

For more information, call Rabbi Zaltzman or Lena Shore at the JRC, (416) 665-9600.

Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman (left) of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto speaks to Mara and Semyon Garmider and their two daughters in preparation for the Garmider's religious wedding ceremony on Sept. 9.

Golfers tee off to help Baycrest

TORONTO —

It's amazing how many golfers you can squeeze onto two 18-hole courses at one time — and how much money those charitably-inclined ball-strikers can raise.

Three hundred and twenty golfers gathered recently at the Spring Lakes Golf and Country Club near Stouffville to drive, chip and putt little dimpled balls in support of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care — and they raised $75,000 doing it.

The money raised will go to support intergenerational programming at Baycrest in which youngsters and seniors enjoy joint events, said Neil Goldenberg, chairman of the event.

Known as the second annual Baycrest Open Golf Tournament, the event was sponsored by Total Credit Recovery, Goldenberg said.

Golfers chipped in $250 each to play while 80 corporations kicked in $500. At last year's inaugural event, 210 golfers took part.

Participants played a "best ball scramble format," in which every golfer's second shot is played from the spot where the best drive landed.

An added feature of the day's entertainment was the donation of three cars for holes-in-one. Lucky Paul Lisanti got the ace and drove off with a Lincoln Town Car donated by Al Palladini Pinetree Lincoln Mercury dealership, Goldenberg said.

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Organizations and People

Immigration errors from past cause problems for seniors now

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

People who gained entry to Canada following World War II by shaving a few years from their age can legally obtain government pensions and old age security, a Toronto lawyer advises.

Gabriel Zimmerman says he's hearing from a lot of people, now turning between 60 and 70, who falsified their age because that was their only way to get into Canada in the years after World War II.

"It seems they're coming out of the woodwork. But a lot of people don't know where to start. Many may not know they're entitled [to Canada pensions, Old Age Security and income supplements]," Zimmerman says.

One of the few ways to legally immigrate to Canada after the war, when restrictive policies against European Jews seeking to come here were in effect, was to be an orphan and under age 16.

Many Holocaust survivors were indeed orphans but in their desperation, many also lied about being 16 or less, Zimmerman points out.

It seems that now a lot of one-time immigrants who misstated their birthdates after the war are reaching natural retirement age and are eligible for government monies based on their real age.

They are entitled to pensions even if their real age and government-registered age differs, he adds.

Zimmerman explains that lying about one's age 45 years ago, particularly when a refugee was under duress, is not used against anyone today, especially given that applicants for government pensions are now Canadian citizens.

Zimmerman's clientele in these matters is virtually all Jewish, he says. Most came to Canada between 1945 and 1950.

Those who paid into it for at least 10 years may begin drawing from the Canada Pension Plan at age 60. However, those who opt to collect CPP at 60 receive less funds than those who choose to collect it later.

Retirees may get Old Age Security cheques beginning at 65.

Zimmerman says he's hearing from people who are actually older than their recorded age. "For a person who's registered at 62 but who's really 65, that's three years [worth of difference in the size of the pension] — quite a bit of money for an older person," Zimmerman says.

However, a fair amount of paperwork is required for applicants, he cautions.

Affidavits, such as notarized letters vouching for a candidiate, are no longer accepted. The best piece of evidence is a birth certificate or other official document from the old country, Zimmerman says.

Because bureaucracies in Europe's former east bloc nations still move slowly, it's best to begin obtaining birth documents at least six months before applying for either CPP or old age payments, Zimmerman notes.

Health and Welfare Canada spokesman Bonnie Fox-McIntyre told *The CJN* that if someone is older than their immigration records indicate, the best evidence they can have is a birth certificate.

In some cases, though, applications for CPP or Old Age Security may be rejected, in which case applicants can go through a three-stage appeal process, Fox-McIntyre added.

Heritage Front agrees to close down hate line

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Heritage Front and the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) have concluded a consent agreement under which the white supremacist organization will refrain from communicating telephone messages that attack native groups or native leader Rodney Bobiwash.

The agreement, which has the effect of a court order, was to operate until Aug. 19 when lawyers for the Heritage Front and the CHRC will argue in court whether the Front's telephone messages should be shut down pending a human rights tribunal on the hotline, said Charles Mojsej, a spokesman for the CHRC. The tribunal is expected to hear the case in October, Bobiwash said.

Bobiwash said he laid the complaint against the Heritage Front after being subjected to five personal attacks on its telephone hotline. The complaint also refers to three other messages directed against the native community in general, he added.

The Canadian Human Rights Act bars the use of the telephone system to communicate hate messages, Mojsej said.

Bobiwash said the Heritage Front case spurred him to launch his own telephone message service, called the Klanbusters 24-hour Anti-Racist Hotline. The hotline will keep the public informed about racist organizations and individuals as well as receive tips about the activities of hate groups, Bobiwash said.

He said the three-week old hotline has received a number of tips, including reports about the distribution of Heritage Front leaflets in the Toronto subway and the distribution of Ku Klux Klan flyers in the Mississauga area.

Bobiwash said the Native Canadian Centre, an Indian friendship organization, has adopted a policy of confronting racists, with the CHRC complaint and the telephone hotline two indications of that.

Jewish groups commended the Klanwatch Hotline. "Our position is that anything that fights racism is a useful tool," said David Satok, chairman of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

"We commend [Bobiwash] for his effort and we hope it sends a positive message," said Warren Bass, a spokesman for the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada.

Meanwhile, another telephone hotline with messages similar to those of the Heritage Front entered the scene about two weeks ago. Called the Equal Rights for Whites Hotline, it says it is "dedicated to help all white, Euro-Canadians."

Jewish newsmakers

Lawyer named to Federal Court

WINNIPEG — Marshall Rothstein, one of Canada's leading transportation lawyers, has been appointed to the Trial Division of the Federal Court of Canada.

He has represented Air Canada in relation to air fares and deregulation, served as an adviser to the federal government in the creation of the 1987 National Transportation Act deregulating airlines and trucking, chaired the Ministerial Task Force on International Air Policy (1990) and served as a member of the Airport Transport Advisory Board charged with privatizing Canada's major airports.

Rothstein has also had input in some landmark provincial human rights issues. In 1978, he adjudicated one of Canada's first human rights challenges. He ruled in favor of a Christian teacher who was insisting on a specified number of days off work a year for religious reasons.

"Being Jewish, I understood how people with legitimate religious convictions can require certain days off work," says Rothstein who had been a longtime member of Winnipeg's Shaarey Zedek Synagogue.

The Federal Court of Canada, Rothstein explains, primarily hears cases involving the federal government and its agencies and corporations and their dealings with other people. Cases may involve questions of taxation, immigration, patents, transportation and freedom of information.

— Myron Love

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Concern for Uzbeki Jews

MONTREAL — Montreal writer and teacher Roma Gelblum-Bross, returning from a six-week visit to the city of Samarkand in Uzbekistan, has expressed concern for the Jewish community remaining in the Commonwealth of Independent States who feel threatened by recent developments, in particular worsening economic conditions and political uncertainty.

Gelblum-Bross was a participant in the Canadian Jewish Congress' (CJC) Tri-City Heritage Program. She taught Hebrew to Samarkand Jews preparing to go to Israel and to those who simply wished to learn the language and renew their lifeline to Jewishness.

The Tri-City Heritage Program is jointly sponsored by CJC, the municipality of Beersheva, Israel and the city council of Samarkand, Uzbekistan, home to some 12,000 Jews and located 3½ hours by air from Moscow.

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Getu joining Ethiopian olim

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg chapter of Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has raised $8,000 of a targeted $10,000 to send Asresie Getu and her daughter, Romany, to Israel to rejoin their family after spending seven years in Winnipeg.

Getu, 26, was brought to Winnipeg with her infant daughter in 1985 by the Winnipeg committee for Ethiopian Jews after several months in a Sudanese refugee camp. After learning English, Getu supported herself and Romany by working as a nurse's aid. Romany was a student at Talmud Torah School.

In the winter of 1991, philanthropist and Zionist Fay Parks Micay took Getu and Romany to Israel for several weeks for a reunion with her mother and nine brothers and sisters whom she had not seen in nine years. While looking forward to seeing them again, she has mixed feelings about leaving Winnipeg where she was welcomed by the Jewish community.

— Myron Love

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Schlifer clinic receives funding

TORONTO — The Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic is receiving $273,455 in funding from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship to help maintain and expand its cultural interpreter services.

The clinic's multilingual cultural interpreters help the service providers at various women's shelters across Toronto understand the cultural "norms" of the clients and orient the clients to the culture, social practices and institutions in Canadian society.

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Judaism and feminism explored

SEATTLE — The first international conference on Judaism, Feminism and Psychology: Creating A Shelter in the Wilderness will take place Oct. 29-Nov. 1 in Seattle, Washington.

This interdisciplinary conference is being designed to create a forum to identify and explore the psychological experience and significance of being Jewish and female.

Over 50 sessions addressing the psychological implications of being Jewish and female will be presented including Israeli feminism, feminism and newly Orthodox women, female Holocaust survivors and assimilation.

For further information contact Kayla Weiner, conference co-ordinator, 600 First Ave. Suite 530, Seattle, WA 98104-2221 or call (206) 343-0828.

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Successful utero chest shunt performed

TORONTO — Mount Sinai Hospital's perinatual team gave new hope to an unborn infant with fluid on the lungs and abdomen with a new procedure called pleuro-amniotic shunt (chest shunt).

Dr. Robert Morrow, perinatologist, assisted by colleague Dr. Jo-Ann Johnson, performed the procedure in utero at 22 weeks gestation. The procedure ultimately enabled the delivery 16 weeks later of a healthy 7 lb. 11 oz baby boy.

The procedure, using sophisticated ultrasound technolgoy, involves the insertion of a needle, approximately 4 mm in diameter, through the mother's abdomen to the womb and into the lung of the fetus. A shunt is then fed through the needle where one end coils in the baby's chest cavity.

A second needle is then pushed through the original needle to displace the remainder of the shunt coil. One end of the coil remains within the fetus's chest cavity and the other end of the coil is positioned in the amniotic fluid surrounding the fetus. The needles are then removed.

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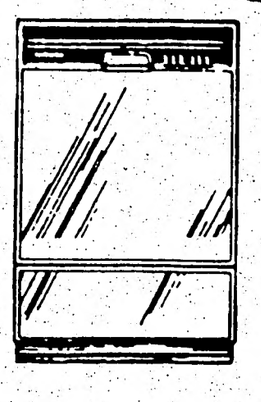

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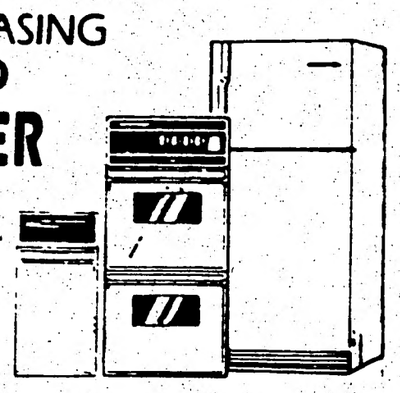

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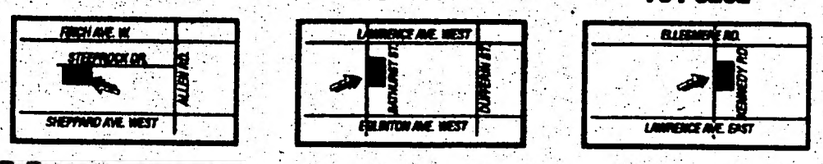

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Shemen steps down from Kashruth Council

TORONTO —

Talmudic scholar, author and journalist Rabbi Nachman Shemen, who has served as executive director of the Kashruth Council — Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth for more than half a century, has retired from his full-time position.

The Kashruth Council is affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The highly respected rabbi is the author of more than 25 books including interpretations of biblical, talmudic, rabbinic and literary studies and has received numerous international awards for his writings.

Rabbi Shemen was born in Chodel, Poland, a small town near Lublin. At 17, he was ordained in Warsaw and in Lublin and came to Canada in 1930. He is one of the founders of Congregation Torah V'Avoda and has long been associated with the Eitz Chaim Schools where he was a teacher.

He began working for the CJC as a translator from English to Yiddish in 1933 and co-ordinated the landsmanschaft activities for the community.

In the early 1940s, he was called by three people (a number that has become symbolic to him) who tried to convince him to organize a community kashruth agency. At that time, the kashruth situation in Toronto was in chaos, he said.

The three men — J. Irving Oelbaum, president of CJC, Prof. Jacob Finkelman, who headed CJC's Central region, and Meyer W. Gasner, who headed numerous organizations — implored Rabbi Shemen to help rectify the deplorable kashruth situation in Toronto which was attributed to conflicts that arose between rival kashruth jurisdictions.

After many months of negotiations and discussions in the community, a kashruth division was formed with Rabbi Shemen at the helm.

A modest man, Rabbi Shemen explained that "many good things have happened for me in threes."

He cited the chairman who worked along with him at the Kashruth Council over the years. "The success of a community worker is dependent on the cooperation of his chairmen and I was very lucky to have the founding chairman and the chairman for 25 years, Meyer W. Gasner. Meyer was a major force in building a strong kashruth organization in Toronto.

"After he passed away, Meyer's brother-in-law, Saul Sigler became chairman and Saul, who was also steeped in

Rabbi Nachman Shemen

community work, helped build and expand kashruth activities.

"And my third chairman, Yitzhak Feldman, who was followed in the footsteps of his predecessors in leadership in the community, is now in his 17th year as chairman. He has made significant changes in enlarging our staff and computerizing the office."

Following on his theme of threes, Rabbi Shemen credited the three rabbis who headed the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth — founding rabbi, Rabbi Walter Wurzberger, Rabbi Gedalia Felder and the current chairman, Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner "who together have created the finest reputation for the COR supervision symbol in Canada and beyond."

And three credits went to his secretary of 25 years, Phillis Cowen, the present office manager, Sheryn Weber, and the director of information and public relations, Cynthia Gasner.

Rabbi Shemen says that although he had planned to step down as director of the Kashruth Council next year, he was forced to retire prematurely after undergoing a major operation. His wife Toby suffered a stroke last November.

"I'm leaving the office to a person who is blessed with the qualities to run the organization," says the rabbi. "Rabbi Mordechai Leven, who capably served as my assistant for seven years, has been appointed director of the Kashruth Council."

Yiddish language of choice for teacher and his dog

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The dog belonging to the Berman family on Parravano Court in North York won't respond to invitations to have his dinner unless they are given in Yiddish.

"We trained Mysti in Yiddish because that's the language we all speak at home," said 23-year-old Hal Berman, a remarkable young man who teaches an Ontario Heritage language course in Yiddish to 20 children.

So devoted is he to his job that in July he took the children on a trip to the Metropolitan Zoo on his own time and identified all the animals with their Yiddish names.

He comes by his interest in Yiddish honestly, talking only in that language as his mother tongue until he was of nursery school age, and conversing as a young student with his grandparents, Chaim and Freda Kuper, who lived near their home in Cote Ste. Luc, Montreal.

His mother, Ana, is a teacher at Bialik, and his father, Saul, teaches computer applications to business students at Seneca College. A brother, Jason, 25, is a computer consultant.

"When Jason and I used to play ball together, we'd exchange signals in Yiddish to cross the other team up," Hal said.

A graduate this year from the University of Toronto in an honors course in biology and political science, with a minor in three Yiddish courses, Hal will be taking postgraduate courses at the university with an eye on entering medicine or teaching, or both if possible.

The key to expanding teaching of Yiddish in Toronto is to convince the powers that be at Associated and CHAT that adding Yiddish to the curriculum will not interfere with the teaching of Hebrew, Hal said. They complement each other, he contends.

Most of the children who have taken his course for the past two years are beginners in Yiddish even though most of them attend Jewish parochial schools. The families include parents who are Canadian-born, or come from the former Soviet Union, Israel, or European countries.

The two-and-one-half hour weekly course this year begins Sunday Sept. 20, at the Associated Hebrew School branch on Finch Avenue, east of Bathurst Street, and runs until next June. Registration can take place at that time, or earlier.

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Organizations and People

Seen at the kickoff dinner for the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto's new Thornhill building campaign are (from left) Morris B. Kaufman, chairman of Top Gifts, Dr. Harry Krakowsky, president of Associated, Louis Greenbaum, chairman of the Thornhill building committee and Henry Koschitzky, chairman of the Thornhill Building Campaign.

Associated plans for future

By PAUL LUNGEN & CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Associated Hebrew Schools has taken two long strides towards construction of a new facility in Thornhill to meet the needs of its shifting student population.

The City of North York recently agreed to rezone property owned by Associated at 3630 Bathurst St. (its Neptune Drive branch) to allow for construction of two seniors' residences, street level retail space and a one-storey school that will replace the current campus there.

And a campaign to assist in the construction of a new campus in Thornhill received a kick-start recently with a dinner held at the home of Julia and Henry Koschitzky.

Both events were part of a plan that will see the majority of the 700 students who attend the Neptune branch move into new facilities in Thornhill, on Atkinson Avenue and Rosedale Heights Drive. They will join 450 students who are currently served in portables at the West Promenade in Thornhill to make a total student population at the Atkinson campus of over 900, said Arthur Tannenbaum, executive vice-president of Associated.

The one-storey, 10-classroom school that will eventually be erected at Neptune will serve children who live in the area, he added.

Tannenbaum said the moves were necessitated by demographic changes in the Jewish community. Between 60 and 70 percent of the students who currently attend the Neptune branch live north of Finch, with a continuing migration trend seeing the Jewish community moving north to Thornhill and beyond, he said.

As "a community Jewish day school," Associated must go where the children are, Tannenbaum said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Harry Krakowsky, president of Associated, announced that Henry Koschitzky will chair the Thornhill building campaign. The kickoff dinner was for members of Associated's board of directors, board of governors and senior staff members. The official groundbreaking ceremony at the Thornhill site will take place on Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.

Morris Kaufman and Samuel Shainhouse are co-chairmen of Top Gifts. Louis Greenbaum is the chairman of the Thornhill Building Committee and Judy Scheininger will chair the campaign cabinet.

"The board of directors is committed to continue to provide a school at the Neptune site," Tannenbaum said. "The proceeds from the Neptune property will go to the Thornhill campaign and for the construction of the new Neptune school."

Progress on construction of the Thornhill school "will be dependent on the donations and pledges we receive," Koschitzky said. He noted that the estimated cost of the new building will be $10 million.

"In addition to the proceeds of the Neptune property, it will be necessary to raise $6 to $7 million. We will succeed only with the support of our parents and friends," Koschitzky added.

Tannenbaum said it is unclear when the Neptune branch will be torn down to make way for the new development. He said that is dependent on the outcome of applications to the provincial and federal governments for grants for the seniors' residences. But, he stressed, students at the Neptune branch will not miss any class time during the changes. Alternate space will be rented, if need be, he said.

Tannenbaum credited North York councillors Milton Berger and Peter LiPreti, as well as the rest of council, for pushing through unanimous approval of the rezoning application.

More than 3,000 students attend four branches of Associated, which is celebrating it 85th anniversary this year.

Defining 'Canadian' difficult: professor

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The third speaker, Dr. Tanya Basok, a professor of sociology and anthropology at the University of Windsor, is another immigrant success story. A native of Leningrad who immigrated in 1977, Basok said that recent immigrants sometimes see her as Canadian because she speaks English and teaches at a Canadian university.

"It's very hard to define" what "Canadian" means, said Basok, but she pointed out that she reacts differently to television sitcoms, for example, than her Canadian-born friends. "The first generation can never assimilate completely," she believes. "We all have a certain requirement to be with people with whom we share culturally."

"Soviet Jews have been very lucky in that they were received warmly by Canadian Jews," Basok said. Problems arose when Canadian Jews expected their Soviet counterparts to be anxious to learn about Jewish traditions and Jewish religion, said Basok. Learning English and finding jobs were more important to the immigrants, she explained. "Imposing a cultural model only [breeds] resentment. We have to put more effort into cross-cultural learning, and only at that point can we talk about functioning as a unit."

Laurence Bernstein, chairman, Canadian South African Association and Chamber of Business, who has lived in Toronto for 18 years, took a controversial position: "Canada's traditional doctrine of a cultural mosaic [rather than] a melting pot, I believe, precludes integration." He added, however, that Canada has been good to him, for which he is grateful.

He believes that "Canadians do not want integration. Canadians will tolerate immigrants and will bend to extremes to tolerate customs and even values."

Vancouver suburb of Richmond served by two Jewish schools

By MAURICE LUCOW

RICHMOND, B.C. —

Fast-growing suburb of Vancouver will have two Jewish schools, starting in September. Up to now, the 800-family city has been served by the schools in Vancouver.

Nearly 60 students in kindergarten through Grade 3 will be enrolled in both general and Judaic studies at the Richmond Jewish Day School/(RJDS), which is located on property occupied by Beth Tikvah synagogue.

The Community Jewish Day School, to be located in the Eitz Chaim synagogue building, will be for pre-school children.

According to Shael Wilder, president, the RJDS "will focus on the attitudes, skills and knowledge that are vital for intellectual, human, social and career development."

The general studies will follow the British Columbia education ministry's "Year 2000" program; the Judaic program will emphasize spoken Hebrew, traditional Torah and prayer. Students will wear kippot, and kashruth will be observed.

The Community Jewish Day School "will ensure the continued growth of the Richmond community in general," said board member Andrea Finkelstein. "Our objective is to develop a strong positive Jewish identity, a love for Judaism and a deep sense of commitment to and involvement with Israel and Yisrael."

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Emunah Women celebrates 50 years

TORONTO —

Emunah Women of Canada will mark 50 years of service to Israel with a gala dinner on Sept. 14 at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue.

The honorees will be four generations of women in one family — Jean Nussbaum, Sylvia Zeifman, Chana Rutman and Laila Rutman — who have been dedicated to Emunah Women throughout the years.

Jean Nussbaum has been involved in the organization for many years in both Canada and the United States and her daughter, Sylvia, has followed in her mother's footsteps and has served in many executive roles since her marriage 39 years ago. Chana, now a busy mother of six children, is a member of Tehila chapter and has set an example for her daughter, Laila to do chesed and to give generously to tzedakah.

Dinner co-chairmen Sheba Sanders and Susan Kahn have invited Lady Amelia Jakobovits, wife of Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, the former chief rabbi of Great Britain, to be the guest speaker at the dinner. Lady Jakobovits has served as the president of the Emunah Child Resettlement Fund of Great Britain.

Emunah Women was recently honored with the Speaker of the Knesset Quality of Life Award for Outstanding Work in Spiritual Absorption, in recognition of the services and financial support it provides in Israel.

Emunah Women of Canada will honor four generations of women in one family next month. The honorees are (from left) Sylvia Zeifman, Jean Nussbaum, Laila Rutman and Chana Rutman. [Paul Appleby Photography]

Neve Michael Children's Village near Pardes Chana, one of Emunah's key projects has been hosting hundreds of Russian and Ethiopian immigrant children. At the facility the children receive formal school education and religious studies as well as vocational training.

Emunah Women's presence has also been strongly felt across Israel in the following areas: over 10,000 immigrant families have been adopted by Emunah Women; 75 communities in Israel are being provided with concrete services; religious material has been translated into Russian and Amharic; 15,000 Russian families were provided with a kosher seder; and a vast network of daycare and educational centres are being operated and maintained.

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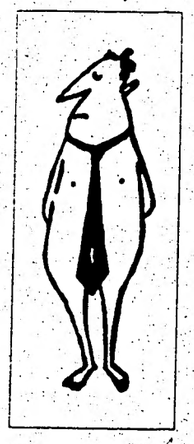

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By RUTH SCHWEITZER

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Greenberg also recommends for students the Roots original knapsack, a shoulder-strapped bag with two divisions for binders.

A new bag is still at the development stage. "We're loking into doing a canvas and leather trim bag in the style of the rucksack," she says.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Parents ease child's back-to-school nerves

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Ah ... you remember them well — those hazy, lazy days of summer.

These were months of baseball games, picnics, exploring new places, friendship and freedom. Relationships were simple. They were of a *Stand By Me* quality.

These times, however, were to draw to an end as Labor Day and the beginning of the new school year approached.

Do you remember the feelings of excitement you had when your parents took you to buy new school clothes, pencil crayons and binders? Oh, the time you took choosing the perfect school bag. There were haircuts to get, shoes to buy and resolutions to make.

Then, the nerves hit. Suddenly, you were worried about things like whose class you would be in, whether the other kids would like your hair and did the jeans you bought really look that great. Worst of all, were you going to be separated from your friends?

Today, children of all ages still go through these stages. Despite the fact that some would argue children now are faced with tougher situations, the nervousness about of the beginning of school is the same.

According to Dr. Esther Gelcer, parents can do much to alleviate many of these fears and insecurities.

Gelcer operates a private practice in child, adolescent assessment-therapy and family therapy.

She says that for children who are going back to the same school with the same children, the main theme parents should stress is that this marks the end of games and playtime. School means a move back to regular bedtimes, homework, and shorter days.

While the summer break is needed because children should have relaxation and good times, they also must learn to say good-bye to this when school resumes, Gelcer says.

"This is a healthy transition to make and it is something all kids have to learn," she says, adding that this usually applies to older children.

For youngsters who are entering Grade 1, school is a different experience, she says, because it involves another stage of development.

"For the first time, they are conscious of the world around them," Gelcer says, adding that there are pros and cons connected to this process.

One main advantage is that the child is learning to do more things on his own. However, this stage also brings fear into the child's life for the first time.

Gelcer says that it is normal for children to experience nightmares from the age of 6 to 7. This age group not only has fears about their abilities to meet new challenges, but all around them relationships are changing. The fact that a teacher is taking over the role of the mother can create conflict.

Gelcer says that peers can help the child make the transition from home to school.

The next stage, from primary to junior high, is the hardest in a child's life, Gelcer says. Not only is this group being introduced to a new school and people, but there are also physical and hormonal changes that must be taken into consideration as well.

"Half of these kids don't know what's going on but they are capable of doing things they've never done before. They feel excitement and guilt — a whole revolution of feelings. Again, here the peer group is essential," Gelcer says.

This age group is characterized by gangs. Gelcer explains that these

Esther Gelcer

groups are formed because while the children have no control of themselves, together, they are a force.

"These children must conquer the ghosts inside. Like Jacob wrestled with the angel, the children who wrestle with the ghost will become teenagers."

The final stage, that from junior high to high school, is handled better if the child has a close boy or girl friend, Gelcer says.

When any child is preparing to go to school, parents also have to learn to let go. This step repeats itself in high school for the parent when the child wants to get a job or go away to camp.

Gelcer says that at each stage of development parents must realize what the child is going through. In adolescence, the teenager will test parents.

She adds that the child is forming an identity of his own. No longer does the phrase Mommy's and Daddy's little boy or girl apply.

There are several ways in which parents can aid their children in the process of going back to school.

"Parents must learn to prepare themselves. Through their own actions, parents should show the child how to make friends by teaming up with others when they have something in common," Gelcer says, adding that this will teach the child how to be selective in the friends they choose.

Parent should start developing their own work habits and get into a routine. If the parent is a last minute person and this is what the child is exposed to, this is the behavior the child will follow.

"Last, but most important, parents have to examine how confident they feel and what their self-esteem is like. Don't expect the child to have high confidence and self-esteem if the parents don't.

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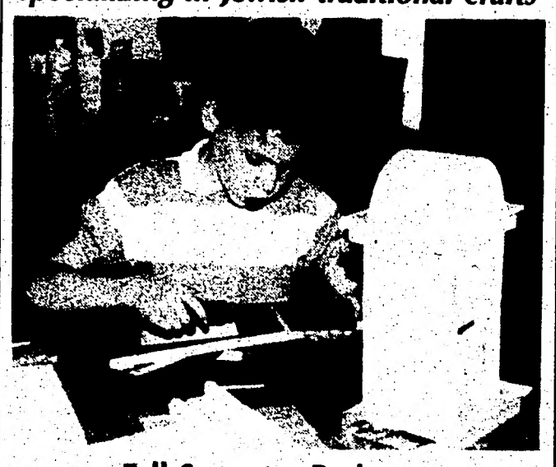

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Terrific togs for teenagers

By MARLA KAY

If you are familiar with either of these two expressions, "I wouldn't be caught dead in that!" or "You must be joking if you think I'm going to wear that," then you definitely must have a teenager at home for whom you are trying to buy back-to-school clothing.

I have one and believe me, it isn't easy. If the shirt or pants I've just bought isn't "way cool," they die a slow death at the bottom of her closet. Save yourself the hassels of running around the city and buying clothing that is soon to be rejected by doing one simple thing. If at all possible, take your teenager with you.

Camp Connection, located in the Lawrence Plaza on Bathurst Street is a great place to start. Not only do they carry everything someone needs to go to camp, but more importantly, they have everything your older child needs to go back to school.

The first thing you notice when you enter Camp Connection is their huge selection of fleece. They have university sweatshirts which are at different price levels. They also have basic fleece in sweat tops, hooded sweats and matching pants. Their fashion fleece is Non Fiction featuring quilted tops in high fashion earthtone colors.

"There are certain clothing staples required to properly complete a teenager's wardrobe," says Bryan Gerber, owner of Camp Connection. "I make it my business to make sure we carry an abundance of all of them."

First and foremost is jeans. No child should be without them. Camp Connection carries all the basic name brand labels such as Levis, Edwin and Impact at discounted prices. They also have used fly bottom jeans that are so comfortable to wear. Parents love these pants because the rips are repaired with colorful material and their children don't look like "shlochs" when they wear them.

"Another staple this year," adds Gerber, "are army pants. These are 100 percent cotton, olive-drab pocketed pants previously worn by the NATO armies."

The perfect top that Camp Connection has is a mock turtleneck heavy jersey long-sleeved shirt. It goes with everything. It is made of 100 percent preshrunk cotton and is available in colors too numerous to list. These tops are the perfect accent to the beautiful handknitted cotton and wool sweaters (plain and patterned) that are also available.

The second most important garment in your teenager's closet next to their jeans is "The Jacket." Their jacket is the beginning of the statement your child wants to express. It is imperative that it fits well, looks great and is fashionably correct.

Camp Connection (top photo) and Beatties (above) show some of the styles they will carry for back-to-school this Fall.

"This season," adds Gerber, "the Polar Fleece 3-in-1 jacket is a hot item. It is a nylon shell with a zip in or out polar fleece lining. It can be worn as a nylon shell jacket or just as a polar fleece jacket or a polar fleece with nylon shell jacket. If polar fleece is not your style, we also carry an assortment of down-filled jackets and the old reliable jean jacket."

Let's not forget about underwear, sleepwear and, of course, shoes. Camp Connection has Jockey and Fruit of the Loom underwear as well as a large selection of boxer shorts which come in traditional prints and not so traditional glow-in-the-dark prints. They have warm and cosy flannel nightshirts and the basic one or two-piece thermal underwear (Rickies).

Running shoes are still the most popular shoe. Camp Connection carries a terrific selection of Converse high and low-cut as well as canvas chucks. In Keds, they have leather and canvas slip-ons, tie-ups and booties.

As an added bonus this year, Camp Connection is offering (while they last) a $4 binder for the crazy price of 25¢. That is crazy!

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TOP MOPS

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Beauty salon owner Renee Sieben recently engraved the number 14 into a flattop she gave an 8-year-old. "The boy is number 14 on his soccer team and it was a way of giving himself good luck," explains Sieben of Total Look.

She says the spiky look is still in for boys, as well as short tails at the nape of the neck.

Mushroom cuts are popular for boys, too. The hair is cut short at the nape, and the rest is one length. "It can be pulled into a ponytail," she says. "It is versatile. He can get it or wear it in the original design look."

She says girls today prefer a fashion cut, whereas 10 or 20 years ago they wanted long unstyled hair. Now mothers want their daughters to keep their hair long, while their daughters want the cuts. She recently gave a long-haired 4-year-old a short cut. "She loved it," Sieben recalls.

If girls keep their hair long, they want a fringy bang or they request that it be cut short on top, so if they put their hair in a ponytail, they can spike it out.

According to Sieben, braids are passe for dress-up. For special occasions, girls ask for a softer, romantic look. She sometimes pulls the hair up into a ponytail and softly curls the top and the sides. "Like a little Bridget Bardot look," she quips.

Kids are treated just like adults at Hair After, says owner Rene Leoni.

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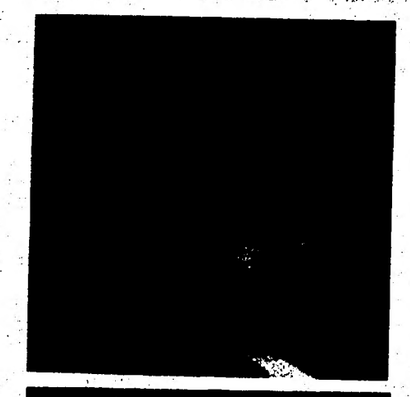
Face structure determines the hair length he recommends for girls. "We look at cheekbones and length of noses," he explains.

If a girl has curly hair, Leoni will give her a haircut she can manage herself. For straight hair, which he says is always stringy or in a child's face, he recommends undercutting. Then the hair will automatically touch her shoulders and roll under. "They can do anything and the hair holds its shape," he says.

He added if hair is fine or weak, then cutting will determine its fullness and give it texture and body.

Hair After also educates children on proper hair care. Leoni or a staff member may suggest a certain brush or recommend a shampoo and conditioner. "It is common with children that the hair gets tangled. They need protein shampoo so hair doesn't break."



Popular haircuts done by Rene Leoni at Hair After.

NOSH ... NOSH ...NOSH

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Mother's on the lookout for snacks that will satisfy their kid's desire for a treat as well as be good for them are in luck.

Jimmy Kadoch, manager of Kosher City on Bathurst Street, says that there are now many kosher snacks on the market that will keep both parents and children happy. "With the big trend towards healthy eating, parents want even snack foods to be nutritious so manufacturers have responded with a number of snacks about which parents need not feel guilty."

He says that some of the newest products on the market are granola bars filled with fruit by Kematch and rice cakes covered with carob or peanut butter by Landau. "Leahy makes individual packages of apple sauce mixed with five or six varieties of fruit and Hunts puts out assorted puddings that do not have to be refrigerated. These are all things that are easily transportable, taste good and are not junk food."

Kadoch says that for those kids that like macaroons, Jenny's makes a no-preservative, no-chemical, gluten and lactose-free macaroon in such flavors as oat bran and dutch chocolate. "Hadar has potato rings in a snack size and parents come in and buy large quantities for lunches. Kids love them."

He notes that chocoholics will be pleased to know that Kosher City carries the kosher Kit Kat, O Henry and Nestle Crunch chocolate bars. "Chocolates under those names in Canada are not normally kosher but we buy them in the United States where they are under kosher supervision."

Steve Hertzman, owner of Raisins, Almonds and More on Bathurst Street says that his 100 percent fruit, no-sugar-added fruit leathers in such flavors as raspberry, peach or apricot are a great snack. "Kids satisfy their craving for sweets and parents don't mind buying them because they're totally fruit. Our low-fat, no-sugar animal cookies sweetened with fruit juice or barley malt are also good snacks to send to school."

He adds that he carries preservation-free chips and salt-free pretzels. "Sugar-free rice crispie squares in such flavors as cinnamon raisin, toasted almond or oatmeal and raisin are also very popular. The bottom line is that if a snack is packaged nicely, tastes good and fits into their lunch box, kids are happy. They don't look for candy or other junk food."

As for drinks, Kosher City carries a variety of juice boxes available in pure fruit flavors such as apple or orange-pineapple and fruit drinks such as strawberry, raspberry or lemonade.

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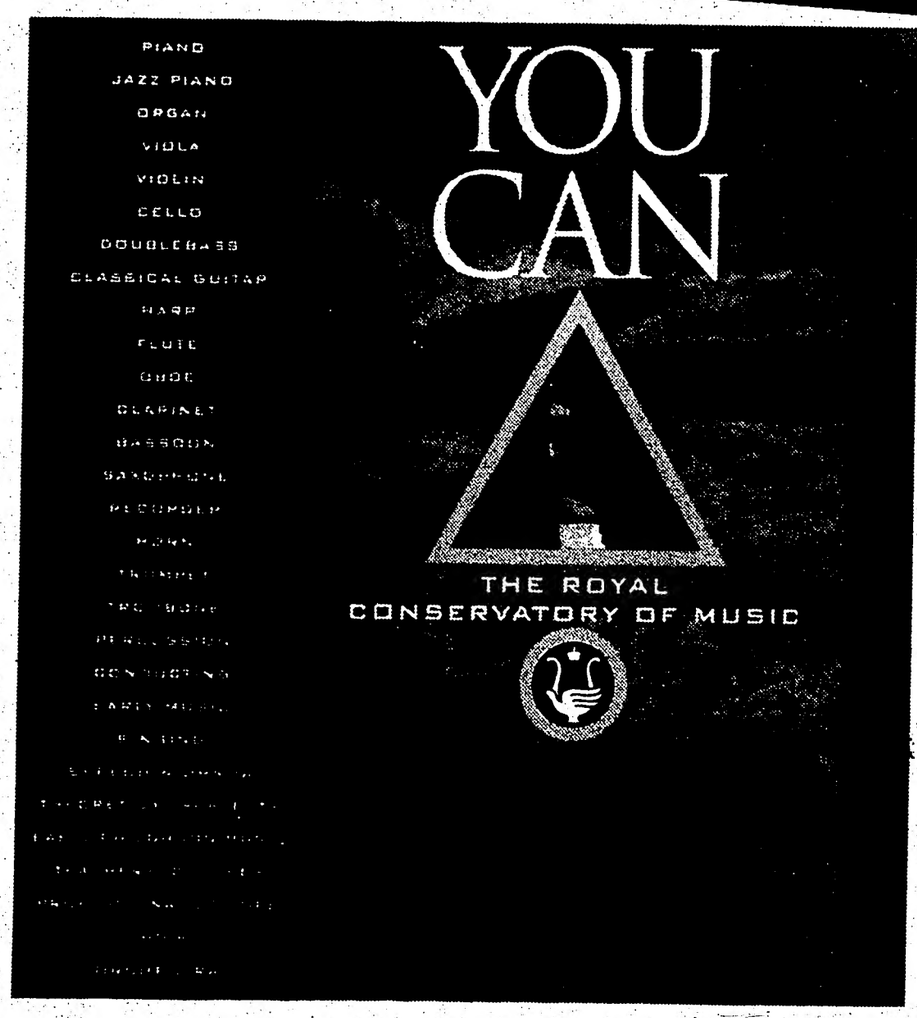

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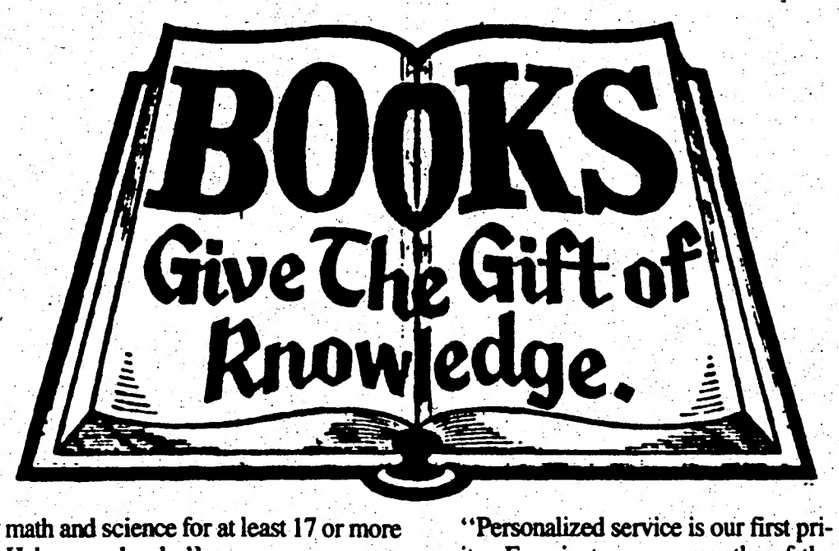
Three local bookstores supply texts for school

By MARLA KAY



One of the pleasures I get for sending my children to Associated Hebrew Schools and CHAT is the knowledge that they are receiving the best academic and Hebrew education possible. The only draw-back attached to this bliss is the fact that when it comes to report card time at the end of the year, not only am I presented with wonderful grades, but in the same envelope, the school includes next year's required book list.

In past years, I have attempted to buy the books used, but someone always beats me to them and there are always new additions to the list.

In Toronto, there are three terrific places to obtain all the texts your child attending any form of parochial school requires.

The Batner Bookstore, at 180 Steeles Ave. W., is simply that. A store specializing only in books, no stationery, cards or giftware. Just an outstanding selection of books in all subject matters.

"When I opened the store nine years ago," says owner Corina Batner, "teachers from the local private and public high schools approached me to handle only the English textbooks required for their curriculum." One thing led to another, and now Batner Bookstore carries textbooks, workbooks and paperbacks for every subject including French, English literature, history, math and science for at least 17 or more Hebrew schools."

The Batner Bookstore has an extensive children's section which ranges in subject from parenting to adolescents. They carry all the classics that kids still love to read, such, as *Tom Sawyer, Little Women, Anne of Green Gables* and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.* Their large children's Judaica collection includes *Jewish Fairytales from around the World,* Jewish Heritage books like *Keeping Quilt* (a Holocaust story) and books on Israel and Israeli kids.

For upcoming science fairs at school, Batner keeps a good supply of interesting subjects. "We try to have whatever the students are keen on," adds Batner. "From the simple and mundane to the most complicated and bizarre."

"Personalized service is our first priority. For six to seven months of the year we are a regular neighborhood bookstore. During textbook time, our clientele expands citywide and includes parts of the United States for students attending Toronto yeshivas. We try to make going back to school as pleasant as possible, by taking the stress out of completing a book list."

The Batner Bookstore encourages parents to shop early to avoid shortages and last minute panicking.

Skool Days, 5585A Yonge St. at Finch) is a bookstore specializing solely in textbooks, workbooks and paperbacks for public, private and parochial schools.

Manager Wanda Frazer, assured me that "unlike other bookstores who may sell out of a particular textbook by August or September, Skool Days maintains enough stock on hand throughout the school year to provide a needed text to someone who has the misfortune to lose or damage one."

Their impeccable service includes assembling telephone orders and even home delivery if requested.

Skool Days also carries a wide selection of remedial and ESL books.

Now, what to do about getting Hebrew books for Talmud, Navi and Hebrew language studies?

Israel's The Judaica Centre has two locations, one at Hilda and Clark Avenue in Thornhill and the other at Eglinton Avenue and Bathurst in Toronto. Israel's is basically a retail operation serving the needs of the Jewish community by specializing in the sale of Hebrew textbooks, religious articles, audiovisual materials, gifts, games and toys. They provide Hebrew textbooks and religious books to all of the Hebrew day and afternoon schools, as well as the yeshivas and universities.

Many of these books are published in Israel and the United States. Israel's is in touch with the schools in late spring in order to have the correct books in stock for the following school year.

"There is a lot of material being produced in the field of Jewish education," says owner Izzy Caplan. "The contemporary educator is always looking for better material to provide to their students. The teachers are continously seeking out new material and visit the stores quite often throughout the school year.

"The audiovisual material we carry is geared toward the preschool and kindergarten child," adds Caplan. "Both cassettes and videos are becoming increasingly popular. On video, we feature *Shalom Sesame Street* (eight-10 tape series) which teaches children about Hebrew language, the State of Israel, culture and customs. Another popular video is *Sheerim Katanim* (eight tape series) which aquaints young children with the songs and music of Israel. Cassettes feature songs for the holidays and Shabbat. They encourage parents and teachers to have a cultural backdrop of Jewish music in the home and school."

Remedial work is not uncommon in Hebrew schools. Parents are often asked to purchase remedial texts. Israel's carries the books which will assist students in Bible study, Talmud, Hebrew language and prayers.

A number of schools request jacket covers for the books. Israel's carries velyet book covers which can be monogrammed with the child's name. They use velvet because it's durable and lasts longer. As children get older and become bar/bat mitzvah, Israel's carries a full range of tefillim, tallesim, mezuzot and kippot.

The biggest rage at Israel's these days, is the handpainted suede kippot for school-age children. They feature over 30 different cartoon characters as well as the Blue Jays and Batman.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Bright shades

Fashion ideas for young students

— By MARLA KAY

The experience of starting school or going back to school can be exciting and stressful — exciting for the child and stressful for the parents.

Children love the idea of a new school year and a new beginning. Parents worry about peer pressure, school supplies and most importantly, clothing. Will my child fit in and make friends? Have I forgotten anything on the supply list? Are their clothes comfortable, fashionable and non-restricting?

My solution in the past has been to divide these stressful duties. My children will worry about their friends. My husband buys the school supplies and that leaves the clothing purchases up to me.

Shopping for young school-aged children is a tricky business. You have to find a store that carries all the sizes you need as well as the styles and materials your kids enjoy wearing. No one likes to hear that the gorgeous sweater you just bought feels itchy or the buttons on that fantastic jacket are too hard to fasten.

Tucked away on 241 Augusta St. near Spadina Avenue is my favorite hangout to buy my children's clothes. Fairland is a store with a history, a Jewish history.

The store started out in 1918 as the Anshei Lida, a synagogue for the Toronto Lithuanian Jews. Forty years later the synagogue was sold and converted to a furniture store and then to a grocery store and then finally Fairland, a store specializing in children's clothing.

Fairland carries only top quality fashions from Canada, the United States and Europe. It operates very differently than a normal boutique. They work on a lower-mark to ensure better value and a continuous fashion turnover of inventory. Merchandise is always updated to guarantee a greater selection.

"We are the largest children's store in the city of Toronto," says owner Marty Zimmerman. "Our store operates in 10,000 square feet of retail space. In times of recession, parents are looking for value, durability and wearability. No one wants to wash a garment once and then have to toss it in the trash."

"For back to school," adds Zimmerman, "parents and kids are still very brand-label-conscious. Boys want licensed sportswear. Whether it's a cap, T-shirt, sweat-top or jacket, if it says Nike, Starter, Brooks, Chip & Pepper, The Chicago Bulls or The Blue Jays, it's really a hot item. Since the release of the second Batman movie, the boys all want Batman co-ordinates. Tracksuits, T-shirts and pyjamas are very much in demand."

Fun Size Kids carry brand name clothing such as this MEXX piece.

Fairland features many stylish outfits for young children who are starting school.

For girls, Beauty and the Beast, Little Mermaid or Barbie in legging sets, dresses or jogging suits are overwhelming favorites.

This year for back-to-school, Fairland is featuring a beautiful selection by Sugar Kane. These co-ordinates include walking shorts, corduroy pants, blouses, leggings, vests and jackets. Krickets has a full range of casuals that combine denim, corduroy and basic cottons that make it easy to wear and easy to care for. To dress up these basic daywear garments, simply add some pieces from the Tickle Me of Cache Cache lines.

Another great place to shop for school-aged tots is Fun Size Kids at 602 Mount Pleasant.

Their sizes range from 3 months to 12 years. They specialize in casual sportswear in bright fun colors. Kids love wearing these styles which are easy to take care of, durable, washable and long lasting.

Fun Size Kids' own house label co-ordinates are manufactured in 100 percent cotton and feature sweats, T-shirts and leggings in 10-12 colors that you can mix and match. They also carry well-known brand label clothing from Esprit, Mexx, Boston Trader, Vuarnet, Non Fiction, Robin and Sundown.

"Our store is based on three important factors," says owners Nimet and Zahir Chagani. "Service, quaity and selection."

This year, fabrics at Fun Size Kids include 100 percent preshrunk cotton, corduroy, denim, cotton twills and cotton sweats.

Neons are definitely out. This year, colors are very rich, bright shades; plum royal blue, purple, fuchsia, forest green, black and burgundy.

For boys, denims are very strong with sweaters or shirts in chambray, denim, flannel and plaid. The old reliable comfortable sweatshirt is back in all colors. Fun Size Kids carries an excellent selection of solid colored sweat tops.

For girls, rich floral prints in knit dresses and leggings with large or over-sized sweaters are featured for back to school fashions. Of course, the girls still want sweatshirts and denim jeans.

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Tennis pros go to top of class

By MARVIN GLASSMAN

TORONTO —

Like our economy over the past decade, Jewish tennis players Aaron Krickstein and Amos Mansdorf had their share of bear and bull years on the professional tennis circuit. Currently, their stock is on the rise. Both finished in the quarter-finals of the recent $1.5 million Player's International Canadian Open, held at the National Tennis Centre at York University.

Krickstein, the fourth seed in the tournament, defeated Arne Thoms of Germany 6-4, 6-3 and Sweden's Henrik Holm 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), before being upset by sixth-seed fellow American Malivai Washington 7-6(7-5), 6-1 in the quarter-finals. Mansdorf, Israel's top player and the eighth seed, defeated American Chuck Adams 6-3, 6-4 and top Canadian Chris Pridhim of Oakville 6-2, 7-5 before losing to Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi 6-2, 6-4 in the quarters. Krickstein and Mansdorf each earned $24,900 (U.S.) for their performances.

Growing up in the Detroit suburb of Grosse Pointe, Krickstein became an overnight star with his rocket forehand and strong baseline game. He upset Stefan Edberg on his way to finishing in the fourth round of the U.S. Open in 1983. In the same year, he became the youngest player (at age 16) to win a tournament, when he won the Tel Aviv Classic. By the end of 1984, Krickstein was the hottest player in tennis, rising to a number five ranking.

But his fortunes tumbled with a number of injuries that made Krickstein look like a soldier in battle. Since 1985, Krickstein has endured stress fractures in a knee, a wrist, both feet, and has suffered an automobile accident in 1987. His ranking plumetted to a number 61 by the end of 1987.

He began a gradual comeback in 1988, reaching the finals at Tel Aviv and Detroit and a quarter-final finish at the U.S. Open.

Like a cat with nine lives, Krickstein made it back to the top 15 by mid-May of 1992 and is currently ranked 14th in the world.

"Aaron's success is based on the strength of his mind and determination. I never saw a kid with more persistence and courage," said Peter Burwash, a former Canadian Davis Cupper and analyst for the TSN cable network. "At 25, he has the best mind in the game. He rarely gives away free points. He is at his best in crucial tie-breakers and five-set matches." Known on the tennis circuit as the "Marathon Man," Krickstein has an outstanding 21-6 lifetime record in five-set matches.

Maybe Krickstein's great mind is in his genes. His late grandfather was a rabbi and his father is a pathologist. He once again showed that his mind could overcome problems by defeating his first two opponents at the Player's International despite being bothered with a hamstring pull in his left leg.

Amos Mansdorf has rebounded after a poor year in 1991 when his ranking dropped to 62nd. In previous Canadian Open appearances, he failed to move past the third round. Over the past year, Mansdorf improved his ranking to 27th by finishing as a finalist in Philadelphia, a semi-finalist in Memphis and a quarter-finalist in Japan and Washington D.C.

Mansdorf was especially impressive at the Player's International in his centre-court match against crowd favorite Pridham. He silenced the crowd by scoring seven aces, saving three of four break points and winning four of six break points to win his match.

"Amos has played as well as I have ever seen," said Pridham. "He disguises his shots well and had unbelievable serves. I have never seen him play better."

"Mansdorf has phenomenal court sense. He makes you think and plan every stroke. He has the ability to adapt his game to his opponent's style. He is a great baseliner and is fundamentally strong, except for his second serve," said Burwash.

A product of Israel's popular tennis centre movement, Mansdorf has been one of the most well-known athletes to come from Israel. He has represented his country in Davis Cup play since 1984 and upset Milosav Mecir and Karel Novacek to lead Israel to a quarter-final finish in Davis Cup play in 1987.

"It's been my greatest victory ever," said Mansdorf, who was ranked 18th in the world that year. "I would rather lead Israel to a Davis Cup than to win Wimbledon, if I had a choice."

Krickstein and Mansdorf were two of five Jewish players competing at the Player's International. Americans Jim Grabb and Robbie Weiss and Israel's Gilad Bloom all failed to advance to the second round. The most impressive of the trio was Gilad Bloom. who upset 12th-seed Gianluca Pozzi of Italy 6-1, 6-3 before losing to American Kevin Curren 6-4, 6-3.

DROP SHOTS . . . Joe Friedberg, a Toronto businessman who is a strong local supporter of the Israel Tennis Centre movement, was seen with many Israelis cheering on the performance of Bloom and Mansdorf . . . American Jay Berger, who was the last Jewish player to finish as a finalist at the Player's International in 1990, has retired from the tour because of arthritis in his left knee.

Teenage athletes head to youth games

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Ninety bright-eyed teenage athletes accompanied by 20 coaches, parents and chaperones will represent Toronto at the North American Maccabi Youth Games, scheduled to run from Aug. 23-30 in Baltimore, Md.

They will join young sportsmen and women representing Jewish community centres (JCCs) from across Canada, the United States, Israel, Mexico, Australia and Argentina at the sixth biannual games.

Other Canadian JCCs represented at the games include contingents from Montreal and Ottawa.

Altogether, 2,900 athletes from around the world are expected to participate.

Heading the Toronto contingent are the boys and girls softball teams, with 15 athletes each. The boys and girls basketball squads provide another 12 athletes each, for a total of 54 athletes on the 90-strong team, said Jim Emery, who leads the Toronto delegation.

Rounding out Toronto's team are 16 swimmers, tennis and racquetball players, two low-handicap golfers and a track and field squad that's eight athletes strong.

The boys' softball team will attempt to defend its gold medal performances at the last three youth games, even though it is a completely revamped team, Emery said. This year marks the first time Toronto has fielded a girls' softball team, he added.

The basketball teams feature a number of JCC players as well as some from CHAT and several who play in both leagues.

Athletes for the Toronto team were selected with the assistance of coaches in a number of sports who scouted the Jewish athletes for the Toronto JCC. Other athletes responded to ads, while in some sports, like golf, basketball and softball, tryouts were held. Athletes' records in swimming and track and field were obtained to ensure the more qualified sportsmen would be invited along, Emery said.

While the games bear the name "Maccabi," the involvement of the international Jewish sports movement has steadily decreased since the inaugural youth games in Memphis in 1982, Emery said. In those days, the games were seen as a developmental stepping stone towards participation in the quadrennial Maccabiah Games, held in Israel. Today, the JCCs across North America have taken a greater role in the youth games, which now stand as a valuable sporting competition in their own right, Emery said.

It's become a get-together for Jewish athletes from around the world. "It's really an experience of a lifetime," he added.

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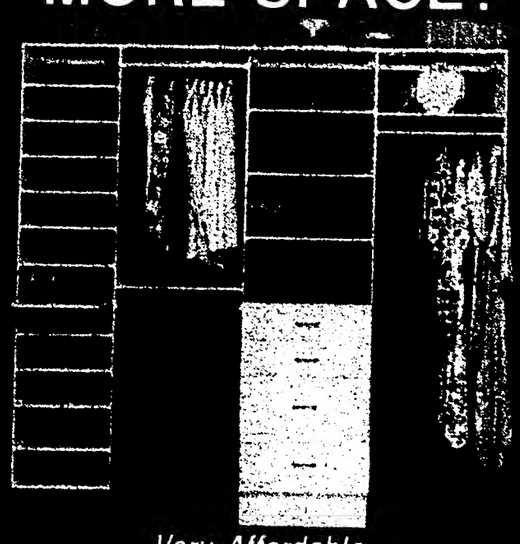
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Klezmer music making revival

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Klezmer music is back.

Having grown virtually extinct by the 1950s, it has awoken from its slumber and returned to enchant a new generation of North American Jews.

Klezmer's revival is the focus of Michal Goldman's zesty documentary, *A Jumpin' Night in the Garden of Eden*, screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Society.

Derived from the Hebrew words *klay zemer* (instruments of song), klezmer emerged in the Middle Ages, but came into its own in Eastern Europe. Influenced by Balkan, Turkish and gypsy melodies, klezmer expresses joy and pain, even within one bar. Klezmer is definitely not bland or neutral. It asserts itself joyously. It sings. It soars.

A Jumpin' Night concentrates on two accomplished klezmer bands in the United States — Kapelye of New York City and the Klezmer Conservatory Band of Boston.

Henry Sapoznik (Kapelye) and Hankus Netsky (Klezmer Conservatory Band) were conventional, mainstream musicians when they stumbled upon klezmer and learned to love it. *A Jumpin' Night* recounts their odyssey of discovery and their development as first-class klezmer practitioners.

Sapoznik and Netsky, who are in their 30s, are shown looking through a musty collection of old klezmer records in the sub-basement of YIVO (the Institute of Jewish Research) in Manhattan. They voice astonishment at the treasure trove, comparing it to an archeological dig in Egypt.

They are not merely indulging in nostalgia. They will incorporate these mostly forgotten vinyl discs into their respective repertoires.

As well, *A Jumpin' Night* observes their laborious rehearsals and incredibly lively performances. In one unusual gig, the Klezmer Conservatory Band plays in St. Paul, Minnesota, for a largely gentile audience. The lead vocalist, Judy Bressler, belts out a memorable rendition of that old Yiddish standby, *Romania, Romania.*

As it should, *A Jumpin' Night* pays tribute to the old-timers of klezmer, notably the legendary Dave Tarras. Their reminiscences are suffused with candor and wit.

One elderly veteran, well into his 80s, blows a few tunes out of a clarinet, the instrument of choice in klezmer, pats his heart and, when he finishes, triumphantly plants a kiss on his wife's cheek. It is one of the most endearing moments of the film.

A Jumpin' Night, apart from being vastly entertaining, provides proof that East European Jewish culture still has an appeal, and can be revived. Thanks, in part, to klezmer, the culture of our grandfathers has something of a future.

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The Toronto Jewish Film Society's next screening on Aug. 20 will feature Haim Topol's renowned 1963 Israeli film, *Sallah Shabbati.*

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Adam's Rib, a film made in the former Soviet Union now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is about three generations of women in the same family trapped by different realities.

Anti-Semitism emerges as a sub-theme, when it transpires that twice-divorced Nina (Inna Churikova), a mother of two, left her second husband at her mother's urging simply because he was Jewish. This theme is further explored when Nina's first husband implies that Sasha Goldberg, her second spouse, is less than loyal because members of his family have immigrated to Israel.

Directed by Vyascheslav Krishtofovich, *Adam's Rib* is a pithy look at life in the ex-Soviet Union.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Saturday Morning Murder by Batya Gur (Harper Collins, $26.75)

Who murdered Eva Neidorf in her office at the Jerusalem Psychoanalytic Institute? The middle-aged victim, a senior teaching analyst, beloved and world renowned, was about to deliver a controversial paper dealing with ethical problems that might have implicated one of her colleagues.

Michael Ohayon, the clever, doleful, Sephardic chief inspector of the Jerusalem Police (a character that owes much to P. D. James' Adam Dalgliesh) is confronted with perplexing questions. What was the motive for the crime? Why were copies of the victim's speech missing? Was the murderer to be found among Neidorf's numerous patients, or possibly among members of the institute's professional staff?

Almost at once, the hard-working inspector, with his assistants, become involved in the lives of a colorful, diverse group of characters. The plot, intricately woven but believable, gradually builds to an unexpected climax.

If this pleasurable book with its Israeli flavor has a weakness, it is the detailed information conveyed in the opening chapters about the organization and teaching methods of the formal and hierarchical institute.

Saturday Morning Murder, smoothly translated, may prove to be the most popular mystery novel by an Israeli writer to reach North American readers. The author is a teacher of literature in Jerusalem and has written two other books that feature Michael Ohavon. Both have been best sellers in Israel.

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Outerbridge Reach by Robert Stone (Houghton Mifflin, $29,95)

This major novel will add lustre to Stone's considerable reputation. The author confides that it resulted from two decades of meditating on what would happen to a "decent, sensitivee person who lives with a lie and then, at sea, disappears into himself."

The "decent person," the protagonist of the book, is an Annapolis graduate and Vietnam veteran who writes advertising copy for a yacht brokerage firm in Connecticut. Approaching middle age, Owen Browne is a disillusioned figure: he has not fulfilled his promise, his future prospects seem dim, his beautiful, restless wife is drinking too much and his teenage daughter is rebellious and disrespectful.

Then, unexpectedly, Owen is thrust into an exciting and dangerous adventure. He is asked by executives of his company to sail a yacht in an around-the-world race when the person meant to do so disappears under unusual circumstances.

Central drama

Browne's tribulations — he is not really an experienced or competent sailor and the shoddily-built boat begins to come apart — constitute the book's central drama. Alone at sea, forced to consider stark questions of life and death, driven to the limits of his physical endurance, he is forced to confront the uncertain course of his life and future.

In the end, Browne makes a decision that startles the reader who has become deeply involved with the protagonist's life and his struggle for spiritual as well as physical survival.

The novel's other major character, a documentary filmmaker who is making a movie of the voyage, falls in love with Browne's unstable wife. The trio become involved in an intricate pattern of love, betrayal and self-betrayal.

Outerbridge Reach, rich in ideas and replete with myth and allusion, deserves a large and appreciative readership.

Berman turns playwright in new tour de force

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK —

Remember Shelley Berman? His was one of the leading acts on the club circuit in the early 60's, along with other cerebral comedians. In 1959 *Inside Shelley Berman* was the first hit comedy album.

In his forthright style he recently explained: "When I left comedy as a main source of income, there was some satisfaction in the loss of tension that worried me all the time. I always found it very stressful. I'm an actor these days, more than anything else. That was what I did before I began slipping into comedy."

Further gratification today is found teaching humor-writing at UCLA in Los Agneles where he and his wife Sarah now live.

Now the multi-talented 66-year-old actor-comedian has stretched further afield and turned playwright — his first play — and a damn good one too.

Mark Zimmerman as Getz gives a ride to his daughter in *First is Supper*.

"The idea is to always write about something you know about and I knew about my maternal grandparents because I had lived with them until I was 11 years old, so I just speculated on their lives and what happened there.

"My mother's family had come from Eastern Europe, so they spoke Yiddish to each other. Of course I understood what they said. So when I was writing this play I could hear them talking in Yiddish, but I have them speaking English."

The title refers to his mother's contention that family dissension can be dealt with later — "First Is Supper."

Shelley Berman has written a serious play brimming with laughter and backed by a strong cast. It can be seen at the American Jewish Theatre (now in its 18th season), 307 West 26th Street.

Dramatic, comedic story

First Is Supper is a dramatic and comedic story of the hopes and dreams of his immigrant family struggling in the new world. Set in Chicago's West Side during the summer of 1919, it tells of a time when nobody ever mentioned love, except perhaps when speaking of a bowl of soup.

Why has Berman felt the need at this late stage in his life to write a play?

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Arts

Communal professional pokes fun at Jewish life

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Why Albert Vorspan spent nearly 40 years as a communal professional in U.S. Jewish organizational life and not as a gag writer for Johnny Carson, or at least Henny Youngman, is certainly a mystery.

Nearly as unfathomable is how he kept his sense of humor over the course of four decades working with a motley crew of committee chairmen, rabbis, fundraisers, nudniks, schnorrers, men named Morris and women named Sadie. Perhaps all along he realized that nowhere else but among his landsleit could he find the raw material for a book that a regular person would swear is stranger than fiction.

Vorspan, the soon-to-retire vice-president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has combined a wealth of anecdotes and observations into a lively, easy-to-read 98-page work titled *Start Worrying: Details to Follow*, published by UAHC Press. He describes the book as "an insider's irreverent [but loving] view of American Jewish life."

Of obvious interest to Jews who have experience in community activities (which Jew hasn't served on some ad hoc, steering sub-committee or attended a lecture on assimiliation and intermarriage), *Start Worrying* is as captivating as a Jackie Mason monologue and as geshmuck as your bubbe's shmaltz herring or overcooked brisket.

Sacred cows

With chapters sporting topics like The Jewish Rubber Chicken Circuit, The Care and Feeding of the Rabbi, and The Kishkes Factor, Vorspan pokes fun at some of organizational Jewry's most sacred cows.

In a chapter titled A Glossary for Jewish Meetings, Vorspan peels back the niceties of polite conversation to reveal hidden meanings. So when a participant says "Mr. Glasser is a most devoted and tireless member of our board," what he really means is, "Glasser is a nudnik."

In another chapter that looks at the hypothetical case of a Jew becoming U.S. president, Vorspan speculates that politics would never be the same.

"President Meyer," he suggests, "introduced unprecedented reforms. A new and revolutionary committee structure was set up with every American assigned to a subcommittee. The president pushed through a constitutional amendment creating a vice-president in charge of fundraising. While it was somewhat strange at first, the people soon got used to card calling whenever the budget had to be balanced. Indeed voluntary contributions soon displaced the income tax.

"No-one batted an eye when the president of U.S. Steel called the president of General Motors and said: 'Give, or else.'

"The wives of members of Congress were organized into a United States Congressional Sisterhood, and a nationwide bazaar brought in more money than all excise taxes combined."

And so on.

As Vorspan gets ready to retire, a delighted reader of *Start Worrying* might wonder, and hope, that 40 years on the rubber chicken circuit have provided enough material for a sequel. After all, there must still be a macher or big shot he hasn't poked fun at yet.

Eye on Arts

The second annual Festival of Independent Dance Artists is now on at the Winchester Street Theatre in Toronto's Cabbagetown.

The dance extravaganza ranges from cultural and classical roots to multi disciplinary performance art. It showcases an ecclectic mix of veteran and emerging independent choreographers.

Among the Jewish performers taking part in the festival are Serge Bennathan, Bayla Rae Goldman, Marq Levene Frerichs, Robin Mandel, Karen Resnick Kaeja, Beth Newell, Shula Saltzman and Laura Taylor from Toronto; Rachel Browne from Winnipeg; Harvey Meller from Vancouver; and Sari Eckler and Mitch Kirsch from New York.

For more information call 360-7331.

350th anniversary

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Professional artist Arlene Dubo has been invited by the city of Montreal to participate in an exhibition celebrating the city's 350th anniversary. The exhibiton, Le Nouveau Monde, showcases Montreal's unique cultural experience, emphasizing its native and multicultural roots. The exhibit, now on view at Montreal's maison de la culture Rosemont-Petite Patrie, will close at the end of August.

Because its opening coincided with the Earth Summit, Dubo decided to exhibit a group of pastel drawings on the theme of our connections to nature, a recurring focus of her work.

After spending many years in Montreal, Dubo recently moved to Toronto with her husband and two children. Some of her works on the connectedness theme will be exhibited at Hamilton Place Sept. 13-26, in a show by the Pastel Artists of Ontario. Other pieces from the series, including the Nouveau Monde drawings, will be on view Sept. 26-27 at her home studio in conjunction with the Etobicoke fall ArtsFest.

While in Hamilton, art patrons might also want to visit Temple Anshe Sholom, where Dubo's older sister Ricki has created the memorial that stands in the shul's lobby.

For further information call 248-0040.

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Shift, a new literary magazine that publishes short fiction by young Canadian writers, book reviews and essays, has hit the market.

According to its editors, Andrew Heintzman and Evan Solomon, the quarterly publication is a forum for readers and writers who have opinions about the role of fiction in contemporary Canadian society.

The first issue of *Shift* features short fiction and interviews with Daniel Richler and Douglas Cooper.

The editors are now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Shift*, to be published Nov. 5. Manuscripts must be double-spaced and include a word count. All submissions should be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Anvil Press of Vancouver will hold the 15th annual International three-day Novel Contest during Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7.

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Significance of Jerusalem focus of video

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jerusalem is Israel's legal, spiritual, religious and historic capital. And once you've seen *Jerusalem: Soul of a People*, a new videocassette released by Ergo Media, you'll understand the city's significance to Jews and Israel.

Soul of a People provides proof that Jerusalem has always been central in the consciousness of Jews. David united the tribes of Israel in Jerusalem, while Solomon, his son, built the temple in Jerusalem.

Although it was not in Jewish hands continuously, having been invaded by a slew of conquerers ranging from the Romans to the Ottomans, Jerusalem never lost its importance as a Jewish centre.

Soul of a People is a religiously-oriented survey of its history. Particularly interesting are segments dealing with the 1948 War of Independence, when the eastern half of the city fell to the Arabs; the development of the Western sector from 1949 to 1967; and the capture of East Jerusalem in the Six Day War.

These topical chapters of Jerusalem's chronology are presented with verve and passion.

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Israeli music is lively, to say the least. A new cassette, *Holiday in Israel* (Intersound International), features the Moshe Silberstein Ensemble in a rousing medley of traditional Israeli songs ranging from *Havenu Shalom Aleichem* to *Hava Nagila*.

Israel's sites profiled

More often than not, Jerusalem is rated by tourists as Israel's favorite destination. But there is more to Israel's capital than the Western Wall, the Knesset or the Israel Museum.

Sites Unseen: Off the Beaten Track in Jerusalem, a new videocassette released by Ergo Media, zeroes in on a cluster of locales usually overlooked by the average traveller.

The Ramparts Walk, which runs along the length of Jerusalem's venerable wall, provides a more or less bird's eye view of the city.

Mishkenot Sha'ananim, the harbinger of the first Jewish suburb outside Jerusalem's walls, is now a haunt for artists and intellectuals. The Museum of Islamic Art is noted for its glittering array of artifacts, while Yad Vashem's art museum draws attention to some 2,000 drawings, paintings and sculptures by Holocaust survivors.

One of the greatest but least-known attractions is deemed to be the number 99 Egged bus, which takes a rider to 32 places of interest.

After you've seen *Sites Unseen*, you'll know why you need a whole lot more time to rediscover Israel's most-visited metropolis.

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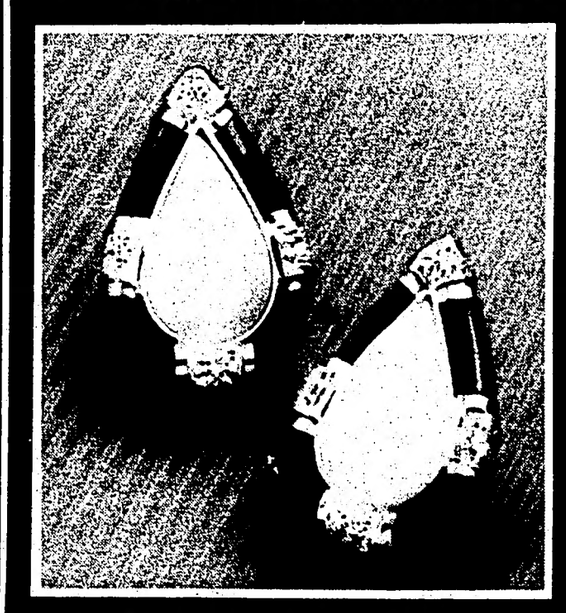
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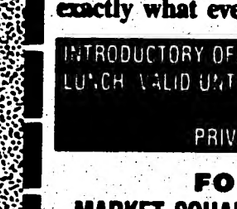

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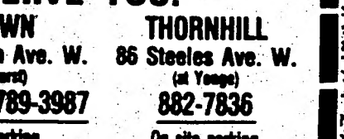

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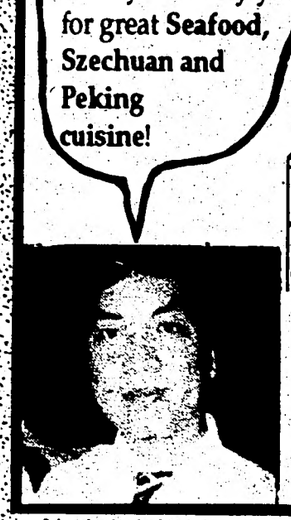

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Travel

Prestigious buildings enhance Washington's reputation

By PAUL LUNGEN

WASHINGTON —

Somewhere in the United States, in a state capital perhaps, or maybe in a county seat, city fathers are scrambling to locate some hard to find greco-roman columns or white building stone.

They must be doing so, if a visit to Washington D.C. is any indicator. From all appearances, the nation's capital has cornered the market in the prestigious building materials. Washington practically shines with the light reflected off uncounted pristine white neo-classical buildings that seem to say: look here, pretty important, eh.

All kidding aside, Washington's numerous public buildings and monuments, its expanses of green areas, its winding river (the Potomac), its army of police, security personnel and armada of hovering presidential helicopters would make the city a world class capital even if the United States was not the last remaining superpower.

The blocks of columned public buildings centred around the National Mall and Constitution Gardens is an impressive sight.

Much of the area between the Capitol, home of the U.S. Congress, and the Lincoln Memorial, a few kilometres to the west, can be reached on foot, but handy shuttle buses are available to ferry you between sites and even across the Potomac to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

At the Capitol, crowned with its magnificent 180-ft. dome and Rotunda below, visitors can view several attractive rooms, though a special pass from a Congressman is required to gain access to the House or Senate.

Downstairs is the Crypt, the 18th century home of the U.S. Supreme Court. All smoky, dark brown wood, elegant desks and graceful lighting fixtures, the room exudes the atmosphere and intimacy of a long-established men's club.

Upstairs on the main level, the Old Senate Chamber is likewise an architectural and decorative delight.

Flanking either side of the Mall, between the Capitol and the obelisk-shaped Washington Monument, is the Smithsonian Institution. Visitors should not be deceived by its name; the Smithsonian is not a single edifice, but rather a sprawling assortment of 14 buildings that include a museum of natural history; a museum of American history; art galleries; the National Archives; and the famed National Air and Space Museum.

At the latter, you can see flying machines of all sorts — from primitive biplanes to a cross-section of the Skylab space station. There's even a relatively new exhibit that looks at *Star Trek*, confusing the boundaries somewhat between science and science fiction.

Speaking of confusion, only blocks from Foggy Bottom and the State Department is the George Bush-led White House, which is open for walk-through tours Tuesday to Saturday. Be there at 8 a.m. to get tickets.

Continuing west, at the northern edge of Constitution Gardens is the stark, yet moving Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

A black granite wall carved with the names of 58,000 servicemen killed in Vietnam, it attracts thousands of visitors who lay flowers and flags, even army boots and caps at the names of loved ones.

Northwest of the Lincoln Memorial, past the famed Watergate Hotel and the impressive John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts (its huge scale is thoroughly American), is Georgetown, an area of attractive townhouses and tree-lined streets.

At the southern end of Georgetown, right on the Potomac, is a river-side boardwalk offering a relaxing, park-like view of the city. At Washington Harbour, with its shops and outdoor restaurants, visitors can take a rest from their walk, sip a capuccino and contemplate that Washington has, by law, no skyscrapers, keeping its grandeur within human proportions.

With 20 million visitors coming to Washington each year, the city has a thriving hospitality industry catering to every taste.

At the top end is the elegant Stouffer Mayflower Hotel at 1127 Connecticut Ave. NW, with its grande promenade, huge crystal chandaliers and elegant rooms.

The Four Seasons Hotel, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, was Conde Nast's 1991 readers' choice as third top hotel in the United States and 10th worldwide.

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Washington briefs:

- So you think you've had a few power lunches. You don't know from power lunches until you've been to the Old Ebbit Grill, 675 15th St. NW.

Located close enough to Congress to allow lobbyists to buttonhole their representatives, the restaurant's gas-lighting, mahogany bar, marble staircase, carved glass windows and Victorian decor exudes importance.

- Union Station, on Massachusetts between 1st and 2nd St. NE, still provides rail service in and out of Washington. A recent renovation has also turned it into a real people place, with shops, numerous quality restaurants, movie theatres and an impressive Main Hall its major attractions.
- With historic sites too numerous to mention, museums, galleries, parks and ethnic neighborhoods, Washington deserves several days to be fully explored.

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

Welcome back. I haven't talked to you for a few weeks but I've been very busy and very grumpy. Not that weekends are terribly special or important to me, but wouldn't it be nice to have two days in a row of sunshine and warm temperatures? Maybe this week.

These past few weeks have also seen a big change on the local travel scene. **Yehuda Shen**, the popular director of the **Israel Government Tourist Office** wrapped up his four-year stint and is now basking in the **California** sunshine for a few weeks before returning to **Israel.**

But his replacement, **Ruth Ben-Tsur** is certainly qualified to take over the reins of this key position. Like **Yehuda,** she's talented, knowledgeable, energetic and very likable. Plus--and I don't want this to get back to **Yehuda**-- she's much better looking.

More about **Ruth** in the next few weeks.

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Now for some news. Just as I was beginning to think that **Emile Aufgang** had gone on a world cruise for the year, or was mad at me, he calls to tell me about an exciting **Jewish Singles Cruise** planned for Dec. 19-26 out of **Miami.**

He says an entire cruise ship has been chartered for the singles and thousands of invitations have been sent out across **North America.** This exclusive trip was set up by **Heritage Tours International of Coral Springs** which is offering a $100 per person "Early Bird Discount" if you book by August 31.

State rooms will be offered from $825 U.S. per person and suites are available for $1,645 per person based on double occupancy.

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It's a luxury ship that will make an ideal setting for all the fun and games and don't forget to bring a mask. I hear the masquerade ball will blow your mind.

By what I've heard and I don't have the space to tell you all here, it's an experience you won't want to miss.

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Business Outlook

President of American Express Canada resigns

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Morris Perlis last week resigned as president of American Express Canada Inc. after a meteoric rise in the company.

Perlis, 43, will take up a new challenge as a consultant and advisor on international marketing matters to top business executives.

Perlis's resignation takes effect Aug. 31 but he will continue with the company until a replacement is named.

"As I deal with many CEOs, it became pretty clear to me there was a real need among many great companies where the CEO was looking for advice and counsel on business and marketing issues," Perlis was quoted as saying last week.

Perlis was among the prime movers and fundraisers in the mid-1980s for the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation in Thornhill.

Born to Holocaust survivors in a Displaced Persons camp in Germany just after World War II, Perlis first made his mark in business at the Bank of Montreal.

He spent eight years at General Foods, moving up the ladder from product assistant to the marketing of coffee and fruit juices.

He joined AmEx at age 30 as vice-president of marketing and sales of the company's credit cards. In 1983, he moved to New York as a senior vice-president in charge of sales and marketing. Eighteen months later, he was back in Toronto as the first Canadian president of a newly-unified Canadian company.

By the late 1980's, he was commuting to New York again to run the company's U.S. card business.

It was under Perlis that AmEx launched its successful "Membership has its Privileges" media campaign.

Perlis also helped shape the company's diversification into the lucrative travel services market, including traveler's cheques and charge cards, as well as forging alliances with the New York-based brokerage house Shearson-Lehman and with the London-based International Bank.

The recession took its toll on AmEx Canada, which depended a great deal on the hotel and restaurant business. Because the card charges businesses more than other credit cards do, many stopped accepting American Express cards.

Perlis's resignation "is a big loss for us," said an AmEx spokesman. "We wanted him to stay on, no question."

Morris Perlis

Firm boosts cancer patients' self image

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"For cancer patients, self image is a tremendously important part of their road to recovery," says Rhonda Goldberg, a practicing aesthetician for more than 15 years who has teamed up with wig specialist, Rachel Olensky, to create a quiet, serene haven for cancer patients called Signature Wigs and Rhonda's Aesthetics.

"I remember my mother's need to keep up appearance during her bout with cancer — there just wasn't a facility," says Goldberg. "We have introduced a service that addresses the needs of patients who must cope with hair loss and other disfiguring diseases. Our clients learn to camouflage the ravages of their illness in privacy and comfort away from curious onlookers."

Last year, Goldberg was working as an aesthetician at the Richmond Hill Country Club when she teamed up with Olensky, the owner of Signature Wigs. They established their new salon at 1118 Centre Street, Suite 204.

For several years, Olensky, a licensed hairdresser, has been serving clients referred to Signature by Sunnybrook Hospital and other cancer clinics.

When she was a student at Forest Hill Collegiate, Goldberg's mother died of breast cancer in her late 40s and her father died two years later. At age 14, Goldberg says, she found she was on her own.

She decided to study cosmetics and graduated in 1980. She became the head trainer of Shieshido, teaching top international models how to apply makeup. She served as a volunteer at the Canadian Cancer Society where she applied makeup to cancer victims who were undergoing chemotherapy or radiation therapy.

After she married Sam Goldberg, the young couple became baalei teshuva (more observant) and it was a visit to Signature Wigs to be fitted with a sheitel (a wig worn by observant married women) that sparked the idea for a joint venture between Goldberg and Olensky.

"We decided to merge our talents and create a spa-like atmosphere for personalized beauty treatments for physically well women as well as those facing cancer or allopecia (hair loss).

"I had always worked with young and pretty females," says Goldberg, "but I felt, through my spiritual Torah ways, that I should do something for people who really needed help." Remembering her mother's experience in not having a support group and people to talk to, gave Goldberg the impetus to do something about the situation.

"Women who are ill go away from our salon feeling wonderful. It boosts their morale and gives them a positive outlook," she says. "We also do a lot of talking — a lot of therapy. Many women are angry with the idea of wearing a wig or replacing eyebrows so we discuss their attitude with them and it is a great help to them."

Olensky says, "Many of the women are afraid to take off their wigs, so we give them complete privacy. We are trying to help our clients restore their femininity and return to a more normal way of life."

Goldberg explains that therapeutic facials require that all instruments be sterilized, the manipulation must be very gentle and the machinery must be made of galvanized metal. The manicures must be handled with the utmost skill.

"It is equally important to teach the client through demonstration how to apply makeup," she emphasizes, "and to help them deal with areas of their life that have become very embarrassing."

Goldberg's latest venture is a new line of Canadian products for women users of Shabbat makeup. Called Shabbat Makeup by Niche, the products are pure and hypoallergenic. They will be launching a complete line this fall and Goldberg says that although it is Shabbat makeup, "it can be of benefit to anyone."

Esthetician Rhonda Goldberg (left) works with a consultant on wigs at Signature Wigs during a demonstration of services available to cancer patients.

We all scream for kosher ice cream

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Despite difficult economic times, two young and eager entrepreneurs have taken the reins of a small, innovative frozen dessert company with zest and a desire to build on a strong foundation.

Entrepreneurs Michael Hurwich and Mark Hugh Sam, both 29, recently purchased Toronto-based Metropolitan Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit Ices.

Founded in 1984 by ice cream aficionado Lanny Salsberg, who tragically died in late 1990, Metropolitan was run for about a year by Lanny's father, Bob. Hurwich says that the company has kept all of Lanny Salsberg's recipes.

Metropolitan produces naturally flavored ice creams and fresh fruit ices for fine restaurants, hotels, caterers and retail shops.

Some of the exotic flavors are: cassis, champagne, guava, kiwi, passionfruit, rosehip, Tequila lime — and that's only a few favorites of mine. The fresh fruit ices are under COR supervision and cerified by the Kashruth Council — Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth.

The ice creams, including a super premium ice cream launched last month, are presently awaiting approval for their application for kashruth supervision.

Hurwich, who received an MBA from Boston College in Boston, had three years of practical experience in the food business before purchasing Metropolitan. Sam also has an MBA, plus an accounting degree.

Linda Hurwich, Michael's sister who is the public relations officer who also works in sales says, "The fruit ices contain no cholesterol, fat, or lactose, appealing to the health conscious."

Michael Hurwich (left) and Mark High Sam of Metropolitan

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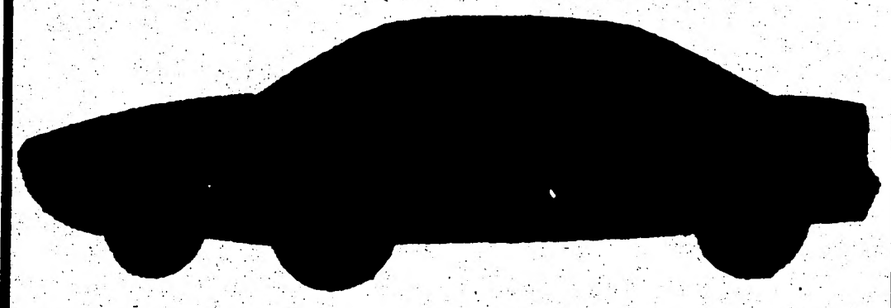

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER

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Newman, who's an advisor to the Israel Museum's photography department, has photographed many prominent Americans, notably politician John F. Kennedy, playwright Eugene O'Neil, architect Frank Lloyd Wright and artist Andy Warhol.

In *Arnold Newman's Americans* (Little, Brown, $43), 105 of his best photographs are presented. They are stunning in conception and execution, beautifully-crafted and imaginative works of art. In a tribute to his talent, they have been added to the holdings of the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Not surprisingly, Jewish personalities figure quite heavily in this handsome coffee-table volume. In practically every sphere of endeavor, Jews have made a mighty contribution to American society.

We see comedian Zero Mostel in a black top hat, his finger over his lips; composer Aaron Copland in profile against a sheet of music; conductor Leonard Bernstein studying a score; musician Isaac Stern (who's on the cover of this book) plucking his violin; painter Jackson Pollack standing amid the clutter of paint brushes; actor Danny Kaye atop a ladder; and Nobel Prize scientist Arno Penzias against a blackboard.

Newman's photographs, which are in black and white, are spare and brilliantly lit, conveying character. All, in one way or another, are arresting, but the gothic portrait of artist Grandma Moses in a rocking chair stands head and shoulders above the rest.

Either as an addition to a library, or as a gift, *Arnold Newman's Americans* is well worth keeping in mind.

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Ida Segal** will take place on Sunday, August 23, 1992, 11:00 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery, Eitz Chaim Section. Realtives and Friends are invited to attend. 11137

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Hadassah conference expected to draw over 100

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —
The British Columbia and Alberta regions of Hadassah-WIZO will hold a conference here Sept. 11-13, with more than 100 members expected to attend from Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

Scholar-in-residence at the parley will be John Rothman of San Francisco, a political analyst who has advised top-level American officials on the Middle East. Rothman's main speech will be given at the opening Shabbat/community dinner when his topic will be Israel Today: New Government, New Issues. The following day he will address a plenary session on Anti-Zionism — The New Anti-Semitism.

Hadassah-WIZO national president, Esther Matlow, of Toronto, will be speaking on Israel Today: The Pulse of the People.

Each region will sponsor a session. British Columbia will present All You Wanted to Know About Hadassah-WIZO But Were Afraid to Ask; Alberta's sessions will highlight The Joys of Fundraising and Strength in Numbers.

A shortened Shabbat service will be held, conducted by Charlotte Sutker, former president of Victoria's Congregation Emanu-El, and Naomi Frankenburg, former national Hadassah-WIZO president.

National executive vice-president Lily Frank will wind up the conference with an address.

The two Victoria Hadassah-WIZO chapters are in charge of arrangements.

Haifa U chairman to resign position

HAIFA —
Jeffrey Steiner, chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Haifa, announced his intention to resign from this position. He informed Giora Meyuhas, chairman of the University's executive committee, of this decision, citing the fact that the pressures of his business activities at this period do not allow him to devote the extent of time desirable.

Steiner sugested that a chairman be nominated who would be able to devote all the time necessary. Steiner has agreed to continue to assist the university through the Steiner Scholarship Fund that he set up. This fund provides three year's tuition to some 125 students.

The committee also approved a resolution of the Senate, the University's highest academic body, to award the title of Nagid (Chancellor) of the university to Ephraim Evron, a past president of the university and former Israel ambassador to the United States and Canada.

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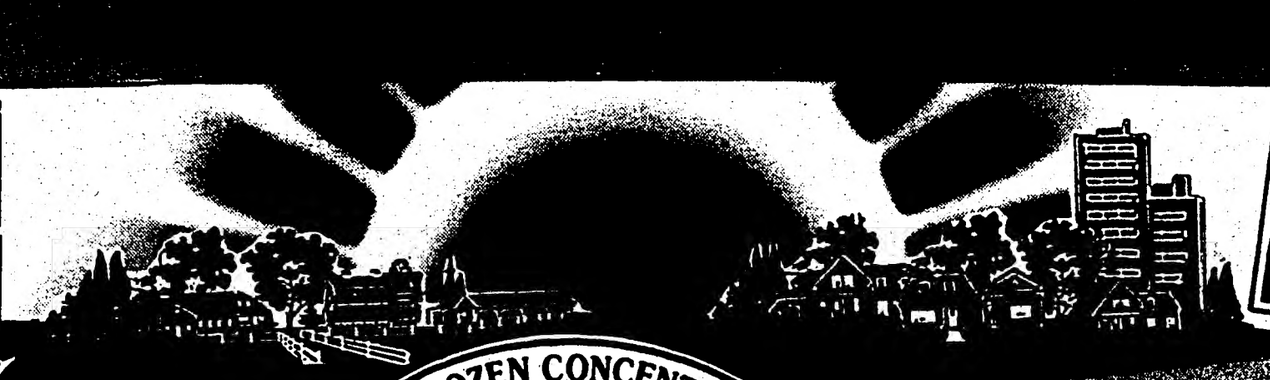

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